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## The Lord Hath Need

To us whose hands are loaded with gifts of love divine,  
There comes at times a whisper, "These treasures are not thine."

We fill our barns to bursting, we clutch the world with greed,  
But do we all remember the Lord, who gave, has need?

We load our dainty tables, we wear our silks and gold,  
We dwell in ceiled houses like those who lived of old.

We gather up the blessings the bounteous Hand has strown;  
But do we all remember the Lord may claim His own?

O Jesus, blessed Master, whose mercy gives us all,  
When thou hast asked a pittance, have we refused thy call?

Thou sawest us lost and ruined in the blackness of despair,  
And for our great salvation thy blood thou didst not spare.

And is it so, dear Savior, that we let thee stand and plead,  
Asking of our abundance for what thy poor have need?

What shall thy steward answer when he stands before thy face,  
And thou askest for the brother that should have shared thy grace?

Will that brother's blood for justice before thy presence plead?  
And wilt thou say, "O faithless! Ye knew that I had need!"

"I asked, but ye refused; unthankful and unkind—  
Ye have bestowed no blessing, what blessing will you find?"

Help us, O gracious Savior, thy warning words to heed.  
Help us to help our brother, because "the Lord hath need."

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HARTVILLE, MISSOURI, November. 25, 1935

Dear Editor and Wife and Gem Readers: Just a short time till another great day, Thanksgiving Day. We all understand that this is an American holiday and should be celebrated in a spirit of true gratitude for our many blessings. The Governor's or President's message, or both, should be read at the beginning of any Thanksgiving program, and since the last Thursday in November has been set apart for special services, that the pastors and their churches should meet and give thanks to God in one accord. "Oh, give thanks unto the God of heaven; for his mercy endureth forever."

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye the Lord, he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and sheep of his pasture. Enter into his courts with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise" (Ps. 100:1-4) Just think for a moment what those pilgrims suffered, that they might find a country, a home, where they could worship God according to their own conscience, and the law of our land would protect them, and none dare to disturb them. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker, for he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture" (Psa. 95:6, 7).

Thanksgiving Day should not be only on the last Thursday in November, it should be 365 days in the year. The Great Judgment Day is the great day we should all be prepared for; we know we will all be there and that every eye shall see Him, and this day shall settle our destiny for all eternity.

"Prepare to meet thy God" (Amos 4:12). "Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate" (Jer. 44:4).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14). "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive you your trespasses."

"Grudge not one against another brethren, lest ye be condemned." Are we doing this?

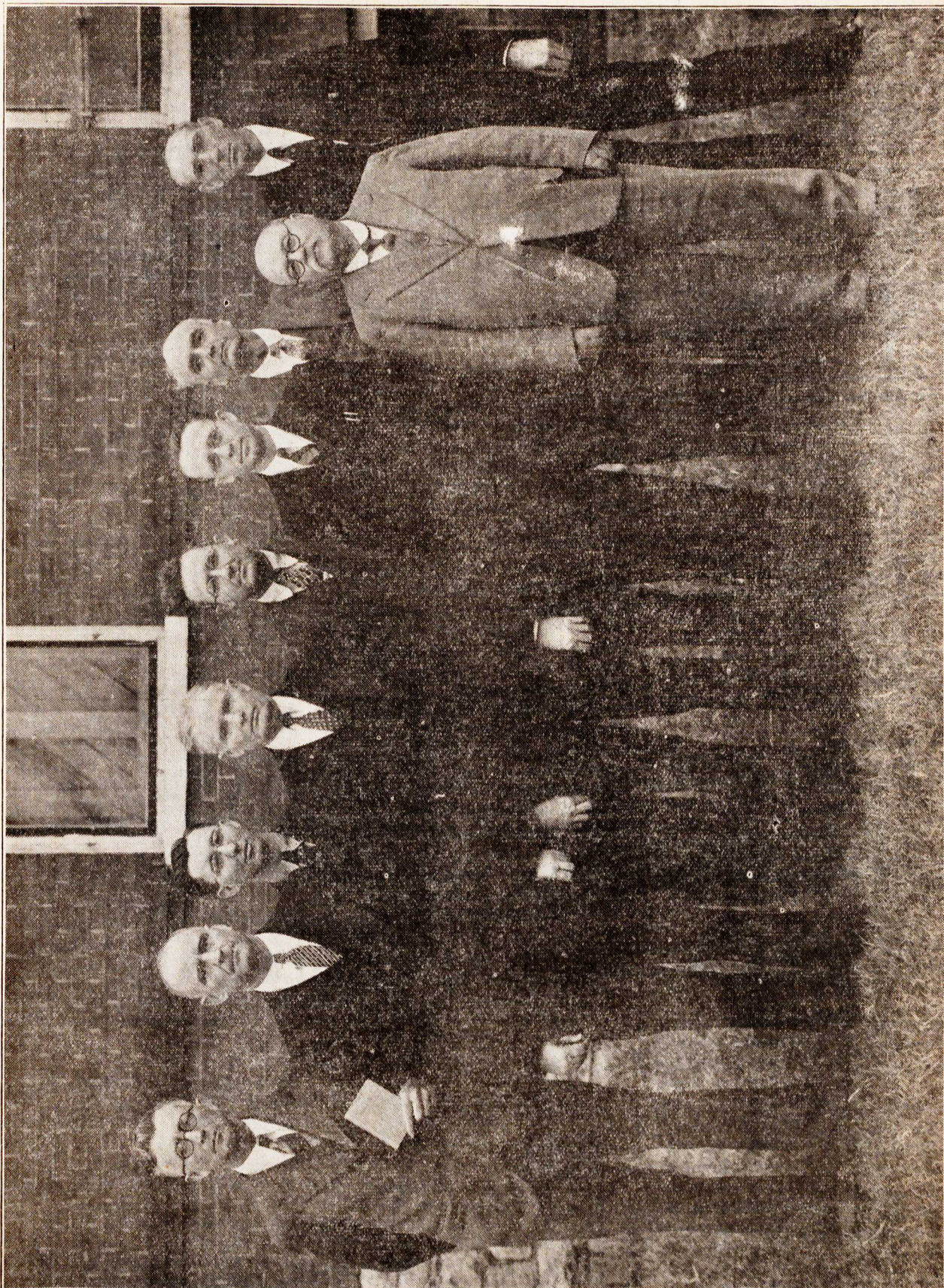
"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." Some say they don't believe in divine healing. Well, you can't prove there is any other by the Word of God. Some say, "I wasn't to blame, it was no fault of mine, it was the other fellow's fault." Lord help us to get the beam out of our own eye, then we can see better how to get the mote out of our brother's eye. God has left us enough to keep us busy, just tending to our own business for the Lord.

We have to die to live, this is the central law of life—a living sacrifice. A sacrifice is something really given to God, to be altogether His forever. We cannot be God's today and our own tomorrow; "Prepare to meet thy God." We have no account of Adam getting into trouble after the Lord put him to plowing; so let us work. We must keep ourselves as really laid on God's altar while we are at our week-day work, as when we are in prayer meeting; we are always on duty as Christians. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

It was at Fredericksburg, after a bloody battle, and hundreds of Union soldiers lay wounded on the field. All night and all day the artillery from both armies was so heavy that no one would venture to go to the relief of the wounded sufferers. Amidst the agonizing cries for water, one brave fellow behind the ramparts, a Southern soldier, felt that he could endure these piteous cries no longer. "General," said Richard Kirkland to his commander, "Those poor souls out there have been praying for water all night, it is more than I can bear; I ask permission to carry them water." Provided with a supply of water, the brave soldier stepped over the wall and went on his Christ-like errand. As he knelt by the nearest sufferer, and gently raising his head, held the cooling cup to his parched lips, at once the Union soldiers under-

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The above picture is of nine members of the Committee appointed to revise the Treatise at the National Association at Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1935.



## BROTHER HOOD Q. M. REPORT Hurricane, W. Va.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I have been reading the Gem and it makes me rejoice to hear how the Lord is blessing the labor of His servants all over the country. Most of the writers are strangers to me, but I am acquainted with their Father (God) and His Son Jesus Christ.

I wish to write a few words about the Brother Hood Quarterly Meeting which convened with the Susana Free Will Baptist church, near Culloden, W. Va., Jan. 3-5, which was well attended considering the bad weather. We have ten churches and sixteen ordained and five licensed ministers.

The Ministers' and Deacons' conference was called together Friday at 2:30 p. m. by the clerk, Rev. A. C. Berry. Bro. E. B. Legge was elected moderator.

Ten ministers and eight deacons reported, bringing \$5.75 into the treasury. The ministers reported several revivals in our own and other quarterly meetings, with a great number of professions.

After a brief business session in which some progressive movements were adopted, the Ministers' conference adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by Rev. Earl Gillenwater. Subject, "The Devil's Sifter."

Announcement and benediction.

We met back at the church at 7:00 p. m. Sermon by Rev. L. W. Ellis. Subject, "Light and Life." Concluded by Rev. A. C. Berry. Hand-shake and benediction.

Quarterly Conference was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by the clerk. After reading a Scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. J. M. Henson was elected moderator. Appointment of committees and receiving of church letters. Seven churches reported, representing about 300 members. \$12.75 was received with the letters.

Adjourned at eleven o'clock a. m. for preaching. Bro. Ray Henson was the speaker of the hour. Subject, "Willing to Go." Concluded by Rev. E. B. Legge.

Called together at 2 p. m. by the moderator. Report of committee received and business disposed of. Reports of correspond-

ing messengers received, and corresponding messengers appointed to the following quarterly meetings:

Logan, Boone, Rawleigh, Clay and Kanawha.

Adjourn for preaching at 3:00 p. m. Sermon by Rev. C. F. Ferguson. Subject, "Love." Concluded by Rev. C. J. Harper.

Business session called to order by the moderator at 6:30 p. m. Rev. A. C. Berry was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next quarterly meeting.

Adjourned to meet with the Good Hope church of Huntington, W. Va., April 3, 4, 5, 1936.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Wilcox. Subject, "Gospel Ordinances." Concluded by Rev. Earl Gillenwater, followed by the Sacrament and feet washing.

Sunday at 10:30 a. m. sermon by Rev. A. C. Berry. Subject, "Keeping the Commandments." Concluded by Rev. C. J. Harper. Hand-shake and benediction.

The spirit of love and unity ruled supreme throughout the entire session, and the Holy Spirit seemed to descend in the beginning and remained until the end, sanctioning everything that was done. Our conference has grown from two churches and two ministers in the past six years. We certainly enjoyed our stay with the good brethren of the Susana church and the fellowship of their good pastor, Rev. J. M. Henson. May God add His blessings to their labor.

(Rev.) Earl Gillenwater.

## BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Jan. 6th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

This is my first letter to the Gem. I am writing to tell you something about our church at Chauler's Branch. It was organized June 6, 1935. I think it would be a splendid time for all Free Will Baptist to show their appreciation for our new church. We have no place of worship just now, but have bought a place, and it will take some time to fix it up. All that will help us, send it to us. If you want us to have a Free Will Baptist church, and can help us, we will appreciate it.

Pray for us and our new church.

Rev. C. E. Lee, Pastor,

F. E. Nicholas, Clerk,

—Mrs. Eulah Nicholas.

## FREDERICKTOWN, MO., Jan. 8

Dear Editor of the Gem:

If you will allow me space, I will try to make a report of the Fredericktown church.

We have about 180 resident members and have preaching every Sunday. Bro. Wm. Reeves of Flat River, Mo. is our pastor, and is building up a good interest in the church. We are planning to have Bro. Zimm of Purdy, Mo. to start a revival here about Jan. 26, and ask every reader of the Gem to pray for the revival, that God will bless as never before, and that many lost souls will seek God.

W. J. Murray, Reporter.

## FLAT RIVER, MO., Jan. 20th.

Dear Gem Readers:

Again we feel like writing to our brothers and sisters in Christ through the Gem. Since we wrote last we have had some wonderful experiences with the Lord. We enjoyed the meetings in the Northeast Missouri Association wonderfully. We were badly disappointed in the New Harmony revival, but we are so used to disappointments that we must not complain. The devil is going to keep the meetings from going over for God if he possibly can, and he succeeds a number of times. We had a wonderful revival at Sublette, Mo., with the Free Will Baptist church there. Eld Sam Marcum is their pastor. We found them anxious for a revival and willing to work. There were seven conversions, six united with the church, and two were baptized. There is a future for the Sublette church. We pray for them much, as we learned to love them much. We stayed with the pastor of nights, and went out for dinner among the flock.

After the Sublette meeting we enjoyed a short visit with home folks. We were accompanied home by the Buchanan sisters, Elaine and Louise, and Eld. Noel Turner, from Northeast Missouri. Then on the 5th Sunday in Dec. we attended the League Rally at our Macedonia church, the writer bringing the message at 11 o'clock.

Then on Monday following the League rally, we motored back to Northeast Mo., then on to Flat River, Mo., where we are now en-

gaged in a revival meeting with Eld. Jas. F. Miller, pastor of Flat River Free Will Baptist church. This, as you know, is a large church, and if the Lord has ever been with me, He has been with me here at Flat River. We have felt our inability more in preaching the Gospel here than any place, but bless God, we are having a real revival; souls are being saved and being reclaimed most every night. Up until last night there had been twenty saved, and

we are expecting to see several more saved yet. God has worked some wonderful miracles here, and we are expecting great things. As we all know, this congregation has labored under a terrible load. The debt on the church has been a terrible load, but we are looking forward to see the debt lifted. Bro. Miller has been faithful here with these good people and we sure are praying to see this done. He has suffered, done without things, robbed his family of food to eat and clothes to wear, to keep the church going. If there ever was a man that we love, it is this man, and we intend to do every thing we can to help him. So, we covet the prayers of every child of God, that we may be able to accomplish much in this town. We don't know when we ever have been privileged to work with better people, people that love the old time Gospel, people that are willing to sacrifice for the cause of Christ. There is a great future for the Free Will Baptist church here at Flat River.

I want to remind the Free Will Baptist in Missouri that the state funds are coming in rather slow. We would be glad to have the \$100. for buying the State equipment for the State meeting—I'll explain—the \$100.00 is to buy plates, spoons, cups, tent covering and so on, to become the property of the Free Will Baptist State Association. Now, you Gem readers and Free Will Baptist who plan on going to the State meeting, if you have from a penny on up to as many dollars as you can send, please send it to the State Clerk, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. and say, "For State Ass'n Fund."

Pray for us, that God will use us to His glory:

—Eld. Ferrell Zinn.

### STAHL, MISSOURI, Jan. 13th.

Dear Friends in Christ, and Gem Readers: In rereading some of the older Gem papers, I do not find many letters from our Green Grove church, although we do have the Christ Spirit and Christian people.

We have an evergreen Sunday school, with an average attendance of about 35. Church services the second Sunday, Sunday night and Saturday night before. Eld. C. E. Mann is our pastor.

We also have a league organized and meet the first and third Sunday nights in each month. January 12th we met and elected officers for 1936, as follows: President .....Eld. Archie Cooper Vice Pres. ....Mrs. Alfred Dare Sec'y-Treas. ....Miss Faith Cooper.

We have a total membership of 20, 15 of them Christians, and 15 are paid up members for 1936.

We do not demand members to pay their dues of ten cents each, because we feel that maybe some do not have the price to pay. Christ does not care for riches anyway, and they can live close to God and learn His teaching, He doesn't ask for pay, only for us to meet Him in Heaven.

We use the Free Will Baptist quarterly and find it very interesting. We have also found that the older people (but young in Christ) have helped to make our league a success.

We pray that we may bring souls to Christ; it is our mission for Him.

Miss Faith Cooper, Sec.-Treas.

### BRISTOW, OKLA., Jan 13, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I feel like writing a few words tonight to the readers of the Gem, and saying "Hello" to you all.

And I am praying, as I write, that I may be able to write something that will be of some help to some one.

I want to speak a good word for our wonderful paper. I read it from cover to cover, and as I read each article that is printed, I take it as a message sent from our heavenly Father; for it is spiritual food to my soul, as water is life to a plant. I can get more good to my soul from reading the Gem than I can get when I go to church here and hear a message.

We do not have to attend church

services regular to be Christians. But it is our life, the way we live that counts. We do not have to go to church to do a kindly deed or speak a word of love to some one. For we have a much better chance to do that as we go out on the streets or into the homes of those who do not go to church. They are the ones that need our help most. The poor and needy class of people need our help; and we need to make them feel that we love them and are interested in their souls.

In my work each day, I rub shoulders with some women that are very worldly, they indulge in the very lowest of sinful things. But I do not shun them, but treat all with the same respect; my heart does ache for them. I just pray that my life may shine bright enough, that they may see that I love their souls.

Christ is no respecter of persons, He goes into the by-ways and the very lowest places of sin and picks up men and women who are down and out, and are still kicked downward by some of the people of today. If Christ can do this, I feel it our duty too; for He is our example and expects us to be like Him. Christ's heart is a heart of love, and it melts in pity for all mankind, and is grieved from day to day when we do things that do not please Him. Love is a very small word, but it should mean so much to Christian people. We should practice showing more love to and for one another, and be willing to lend a helping hand in a time of need.

I did not make any New Year resolutions, but my aim is to be of more help to mankind throughout this year of 1936.

I will close by sending a short poem, a favorite of mine:

But once I pass this way,  
And then—and then, the silent Door  
Swings on its hinges—  
Opens . . . closes—  
And no more I pass this way.  
With all my might I will essay  
Sweet comfort and delight,  
To all I meet upon the Pilgrim way,  
For no man travels twice the Great  
Highway,  
That climbs through darkness up to  
light,  
Through night to day.

—Zula Lewis

**TULSA CHURCH REPORT**

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 24th.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Since we sent is our last report, each and every one of us have said farewell to 1935, and hung up a glad welcome to 1936. But just now a thought races through my mind, did I do everything God would have me do last year? So, as we start into the New Year's work, we start with a new vim, a new courage, a new ambition to always be on the job for God and not give Satan a chance to tempt us to work for him.

Tulsa church celebrated the going of the Old and the coming in of the New Year, by holding a prayer and testimony service, followed by ten minute sermons by 8 or 10 of our young preachers, which lasted till one a. m. God was there in a mighty way and saved one precious soul, while others gave their hand for prayer.

Bro. Melvin also gave an outline of a wonderful work program for the coming year.

The church has been so blessed in the past—blessed with unity—with good attendance—with many conversions and additions in the membership; so we feel sure it's the aim of every Tulsa church goer to keep the good work going and really work harder, to the glory of God.

We have organized a band of young singers, taken from the Sunday school classes, giving us a combined chorus of about sixty voices, with an additional group of boys playing the harmonica.

They sang at Davis church last week and at Collinsville this week, with Bro. Melvin doing the preaching to a well filled house at each place. Several gave their hand for prayer and one remained at the altar.

Bro. Beaty of Vance Chapel and Bro. Alberson of Muskogee have been visitors at our church this month and each delivered good sermons.

The Mission Rally met with us last Friday. Sister Pruitt and Bro. Bean preached in the a. m. We had a good representation and good letters from all churches in the Association. Bro. Mathis and a few members of Antioch church met with us for their first time and were welcomed to this good body of workers.

Our Mission Mothers continue to quilt and are still selling lunch clothes, pillow cases and hot pan holders. The men are cracking and selling pecans.

Our young choir entertained their parents Monday night with a good thirty minute program of songs and readings and musical numbers, afterwards serving refreshments to about 115 persons.

Our Sunday school attendance is holding up well in spite of the winter weather. We have had on a six months' attendance contest which closed December 31st. A goodly number received the perfect attendance certificate.

We continue to ask an interest in the prayers of all of God's people.

Evelyn Miller, Reporter.

**HARTVILLE, MISSOURI**

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stood what the soldier in gray was doing for their own wounded comrades, and not a shot was fired. For an hour and a half he continued his work, giving drink to the thirsty, straightening mangled limbs, pillowing men's heads on their knapsacks, spreading blankets and army cots for them, as tenderly as a mother would cover her child. "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren and to strangers: whom, if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well."

We hear farmers talking at seed planting time of what sort of potatoes and numerous other seeds; but now I am thinking of what sort of people. We should be a godly sort, "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort" (Daniel 3:28, 29).

"Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee." (Dan. 6:16). I tell you again and again, if you are a child of God, you will not want to go to these worldly amusements.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).

Help us dear Lord, and all who read this, to be of this godly sort. Our fathers and mothers sang to us the old time religion after a godly sort. I sure do believe in the old time religion, the sort that makes us love our neighbor as ourselves, and pray for our enemies, and when they smite you on one cheek, turn him the other, and a number of other things. He told us to do. Then just think, we may give all our goods to feed the poor and give our bodies to be burned, and have not charity (love); it profiteth us nothing; we must love God with our whole heart. Well, after all, I am a poor, old, ignorant woman,

living the old fashioned way. My father and mother were old Tennessee people, and my mother baked corn-dodger bread, she churned in an old fashioned churn; "As is the mother, so is her daughter" (Ezek. 16:44). And so some time ago, I was churning, and Jim came in, and he said, "Lina, I will churn while you work at something else." I said, "All right." He churned for some time, and finally got discouraged, and said, "Lina, it's no use to churn any longer on this, it has no butter in it; just as well quit."

"No," I said, "it has butter in it." I believe the Bible, every word, and it says, "Surely the churning of milk bringeth forth butter" (Prov. 30:33).

"Be thou faithful until death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

"Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me" (Psalm 101:6).

Pray for us, that we may be found of the godly sort, faithful and true.

God bless you all, and may we all meet around the throne of God in Heaven.

With love to all.—Mrs. Lina Claxton.

**IT IS NEAR**

Jesus is coming, we should watch and pray.

For we do not know the hour or day, Perhaps He will come in the early morn.

When Gabriel will surely blow his horn.

To raise the dead and to transform The living on that eventful morn, That have been watching and waiting long.

To hear the blowing of the musical horn.

Then God's two witnesses will then appear,

And will prophesy from year to year, Until Antichrist cuts off their heads, And Christ will raise them from the dead.

Then the worst of tribulation times will be;

The Jews that are to be saved must flee

To the mountains without any delay, To escape the monster of that day.

And it seems very likely to me, The hundred and forty-four thousands to be,

Are those mentioned in Revelation, That came out of the great tribulation.

—Contributed by Mrs. Lina Claxton.

**TROUP, TEXAS, R2, Jan. 3, 1936**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers: I am thankful for this privilege to write to you folks. I have been a reader of the Gem since Sept., 1935 and like the paper very much, it is food for the soul.

I accepted Christ as my Savior in 1920, and He has always proved true to His word; He has been my comforter (St. John 14:26). I united with

the Free Will Baptist church at Drum-right, Okla. about ten years ago. I think there is nothing like the Mission work. I never have done as much for the Lord as I wish I could have done, but God knows all about us.

Since Oct. 8, 1935, we have had prayer meeting in our home once each month and have some nice little meetings. The first meeting, Oct. 8th, there were 22 present; Nov. 19 there were 9 present; Dec. 16 there were 17 present. We are living in East Texas, in the oil field at this time.

Regardless of ill health last summer while at mother's I had the privilege of visiting some of the old mission workers, and the meeting at Vance Chapel, near Oilton, Okla. I also attended meeting at Cushing and Drum-right, Okla.; and as I am thanking God for His many blessings through 1935, I am wishing every one a happy New Year year, and that we may all be able to do more for God this year than ever before.

"Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37, 38).

We ask an interest in your prayers.  
Amanda J. Kester.

### ANDERSON, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

We are sending our first report for the Pleasant Grove Home Mission circle. We organized Nov. 20th with ten members.

President ..... Mrs. Pearl Wallis  
Vice Pres. .... Mrs. R. E. Shover  
Sec.-Treas. .... Mrs. Jessie Thompson  
Reporter ..... Alice Crosby

Since we organized we have finished a Friendship quilt and presented it to our pastor, Rev. Claude Timmons and wife.

We have made some sick calls, and are planning to start quilting.

We ask the prayers of every mission worker, that we may do something for Jesus and lost souls.

We hope we can have a better report next time.

Alice Crosby, Reporter.

### HUGGINS, MISSOURI

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

Some how this morning I feel that I would like to say a few words for my Master; for I know He has done so much for me, and I don't think I can ever repay Him for the blessings I have received. I know that I am a weak servant, but I want to please my Master; the crown is promised to all who live faithful and true to the end. I want to hear those words, "Well done."

We can see such a falling away these days, even men that once preached the Gospel, today are in the drunkard's pit, putting God to an open shame. I received my Gem yesterday and while reading it I noticed, and how true the story is, "The Church

Walking With the World;" and the churches today are not confirmed enough in God's ways to stand for the right and get the chaff out of the church. We ought to be obedient to Christ Jesus and let the world go by itself, for we cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will? For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Heb. 2:1-6).

We can all see that the people of today will not endure sound doctrine; they are turning away from the truth and taking to fables. The church will turn a cold shoulder to the one that stands for the truth, and will take the world by the hand and say, "Let's go along together."

Christ says, "Let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay." We can't go in our own way and please God, for His way is above our ways.

I must say before I close that we had a wonderful spiritual feast from God through a sermon delivered by Bro. Herbert Vandivort the Sunday before Christmas. May God bless the young and the old ministers everywhere and help them to preach the Gospel in purity and power, is my prayer. Pray for me.

Mrs. John Ratterree.

### GREENTOP, MO., Dec. 30, 1935

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I will try to give a report of our fifth Sunday meeting of Northeast Mo.

The mission circles held their regular fifth Sunday meeting Dec. 29th with Shibley's Point church. In the morning they began with S. S. at ten o'clock.

The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Bro. Charley Phillips. Scripture lesson a part of the first chapter of Ezra. Text, "The Building of the Temple." Prayer by Sister Daisy Marcum and Bro. and Sister Wellbaum.

Dinner was served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon the congregation was called to order by singing and prayer by Bro. C. M. Dauber. Meeting was then turned over to the president of the leagues, and they gave us a very enjoyable program.

After the League program the meeting was turned over to the president of the mission. Scripture reading, John 4:31-36. Minutes of last meet-

ing read and approved. Letters from the different circles read and approved, also minutes were read of the Ministers' and Deacons' meeting held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday Voted to have Ministers' and Deacons' meeting again on Saturday morning before the fifth Sunday, at 9 o'clock at the same place where the fifth Sunday meeting convenes.

A location committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Anna Sharp, Mrs. Grace Lawson, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Miss Ethel Newcomer and Mrs. Lucille Mintgomery, who reported the next meeting to be held with the New Harmony church, Bro. Archie Cooper to preach at eleven o'clock.

After the business was transacted, we had a very enjoyable program furnished by the different circles as follows:

Song ..... Shibley's Point Mission  
Song ..... New Harmony Mission  
Reading ..... Mary Kathryn—  
Song ..... Green Grove Mission  
Song by Philis Cooper of Green Grove Mission.

Short talk by Monte Peterson from the Moody Bible Institute.

Received \$1.66 for state work from New Harmony Mission.

May God bless all mission workers.

We desire your prayers, that we may do greater work for the Master.  
Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Ass't Sec.

### MINE LA MOTTE, MO., Jan. 30.

Dear Gem Family:

This cold windy morning, when the thermometer stood at ten below zero, I took up the Jan. number of the Gem and read most of the good letters from God's children in that number and, as I have never tried to write, I thought I would try it one time. I want to thank the Lord for the Gem and for the good letters from the brethren and sisters. I thank God for old time salvation that the Lord has made it possible for us to know for ourselves; pray for us, that the Lord will send a great revival our way. There are so many that are converted, join the church and are baptized, and run well for a while, then they begin to walk with the world and lose their salvation, then are worse than at the beginning.

Friends, if this misses the waste basket, and you see it in print, will you pray God to bless us, and as the outer man is perishing, that the inner man may be renewed day by day.

God bless us as a denomination, for if I understand my Bible we are founded on the truth and the Bible says truth will stand.

Friends, before this is published I may be gone over to the other Side, but if I am I expect to be with Jesus and the best people that ever lived, and I expect some of them to have been Free Will Baptist.

May God bless the Gem family and, if it ever comes to print, may it be a blessing to some one.

—Alex and Louisa Wampler.

# Free Will Baptist League Reports

## STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

President, ..... Eld. Winford Davis,  
Monett, Mo.  
Vice Pres. .... Eld. Noel Turner  
Granby, Mo.  
Sec'y-Treasurer, .... Eld. O. T. Allred,  
Monett, Mo.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ethel Newcomer, Greenton, Mo., 1936  
Damen Dodd, Elvins, Mo., 1937  
Eld. Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo., 1933

## FIELD WORKERS

For N. E. Missouri Association  
Eld. Archie Cooper ..... Stahl, Mo.  
For Cave Springs Association  
Eld. E. E. Winfree ..... Hoxie, Ark.  
For Union Association  
Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. Mt'n Grove, Mo.  
For N. W. Missouri Association  
Chloe Lewis ..... Pattonsburg, Mo.  
For S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting  
Eld. Ruth La Brot ..... Flat River, Mo.  
Field Worker at Large  
Eld. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

## REPORT OF AURORA LEAGUE

By Sylvia Conn, Secretary

The Aurora league is still progressing in number and spiritually also. We now have 35 members and always several visitors. We have wonderfully enjoyed our lessons in the last quarter and they have given us lots of encouragement. On the first and third Sundays, after league, we all enjoy a good old fashioned prayer meeting. It usually ends up in a good old time shouting, and souls being born into the kingdom of God. It behooves each one of us to be up and about our Master's business. We all want to be led by the Holy Spirit and do all we can to win lost souls to Christ. We are glad to say that most of our members are active and have a deep desire to be a soul winner.

We have lately elected new officers for our league, they are as follows:  
President ..... Clarabelle Roberts  
Vice President ..... Lucille Conn  
Sec'y-Treas. .... Sylvia Conn  
Group Captain ..... Esther Apple  
Quiz Leader ..... Virginia Wilks

## FLAT RIVER, MO., Jan. 22, 1936

Dear League Workers and Gem Readers: It is with great gratitude that I write to you, that this your humble servant may be able to assist someone in the walk of life. We never know how we are missed till we are absent.

I have been reading the Gem and have often been disappointed in looking over the articles, not disappointed in the work of Bro. Brown; no, never, I praise God for the work he is doing, God bless him; but I fail to find the letters from my brothers and sisters that I was most eager to read, that had always been so uplifting and inspiring to me, but finding them absent,

I would say within myself: Could it be possible that someone was expecting to hear from me? We often hear it said "We never miss our loved ones till they are gone." Someone may be expecting to hear from us.

I attended the Southeast Missouri League Association last evening, and what a wonderful time we had! God's Spirit was wonderfully manifested, and His presence was with us. Two leagues united with us. Fredericktown and Mine La Motte presented a good delegation of about 28. We are glad to have them with us; pray that we may be a great blessing to each other and may encourage others to help. Bro. F. C. Zinn is in a meeting here at Flat River church. God is blessing souls, and I feel greatly benefited by the good sermons he has been preaching. We are planning to have Bro. Zinn with us at Fredericktown church where I pastor, beginning Feb. 2nd. We are looking for a real old time Holy Ghost revival.

Brethren, hold us up in your prayers, for we need them. Oh, that our young people will come back to the fold of Christ! But it can only be accomplished by prayer and obedience to God.

Pray for us, we are depending on you.

—Eld. Wm. Reeves.

PROGRAM OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE ASSOCIATION of Free Will Baptist, held with the Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, January 21, 1936, at 7:00 o'clock P. M.

## PROGRAM

Opening ..... Pres., Sylvia Wood  
Song ..... Congregation  
*Onward Christian Soldiers*  
Scripture Reading ..... Leroy Miller  
Prayer ..... Sister Anna Reed  
Welcome ..... Edna Ruth Johnson  
Response ..... Eld. Mark Lewis  
Song ..... Desloge League

## SUBJECT, THE BIBLE

Topic No. 1 ..... "What Is the Bible?"  
Damon Dodd  
Song ..... St. Louis League  
*Not Present*

Topic No. 2, "Why I Love the Bible."  
Sylvia Wood

Reading ..... Anna Mae Miller  
Reading ..... "My Mother's Bible"  
Maxine La Brot

Song ..... "My Mother's Bible"  
Leadington League

Topic No. 3, "How Do I Know the Bible Is Inspired?"  
Eld. Mark Lewis

Song ..... Wortham League  
Topic No. 4, "Obedience to the Bible"  
Ruth La Brot

Song ..... "The Bible Satisfies"  
Flat River League

Song, .... Flat River Male Quartet  
Business

## Enrollment

Leadington League ..... 14  
Wortham League ..... 07

St. Louis League ..... 00  
Desloge League ..... 14  
Flat River League ..... 55  
Visitors ..... 87

Total ..... 177

This number was taken, but there must have been 250 present, as it is hard to get an accurate count, for many of our visitors will not stand up so we can get their number.

Reading of letter from Fredericktown and Mine La Motte Leagues, desiring to enter our association again. 28 members represented their leagues.

Motion carried to accept them into our association. We are glad to have them back with us again.

Voted to hold our next session with Fredericktown Free Will Baptist church, to convene April 21, 1936.

Desloge League was awarded a blue ribbon for having a 100% League, in honor of their good work.

There being no further business, we adjourned and turned services over to Bro. Zinn who is holding a revival here at the present time.

Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas.

## OLIVE CHURCH NOTES

Bristow, Okla., Jan. 21st.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

I am always glad to get the Gem and read so many interesting letters. It has been some time since we have written.

We have our new church house now, and have just closed a revival. Our pastor, Sister Fincher, and Bro. Hall did the preaching. We had 19 conversions. Many visitors from different churches came to help us, and we appreciated them so much. Some nights we had ten preachers present. One night the Sunshine quartet from Drumright sang three wonderful songs.

So many of our young girls were converted. They had grown up there in service, we sure thank God for saving them. They have organized a Junior mission and are doing fine work.

We have the lumber for our new seats now.

We were glad to see the picture in the Gem, of preachers attending the Nashville meeting. Our pastor was there and had given us a good report of the meeting.

I pray that the Free Will Baptist will all pull together and do greater things in the future.

Pray for us at Olive church.

Mrs. P. E. Lacey, R2, D95.



## OBITUARY

**BUCHANAN**—Miss Fannie Myers, daughter of Henry and Lucinda Myers, was born in Scuyler county, Missouri, on October 13, 1866. She was united in marriage to Good Buchanan, January 11, 1885. To this union two sons were born, H. A. and Oral Buchanan, both of Greentop, Mo.

She departed this life January 22, 1936, at the age of 69 years, 3 months and nine days old. She professed faith in Christ at an early age and was a charter member of the New Harmony Free Will Baptist church, and also of the New Harmony Mission.

She suffered a stroke of paralysis May 27, 1934. Then another stroke January 20, 1936, the latter stroke being the cause of her death. God in Heaven only knows how much she suffered during her affliction. Human hands did all they could, but could not stay the hand of death.

Surviving are her husband, two sons H. A. and Oral Buchanan and one adopted daughter Mrs. Ella Gregory, seven grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Josephine McElhinney, all of Greentop.

Sister Buchanan realizing that death was approaching, before the end arranged for her funeral.

I cannot say, and I will not say she is dead. She is just away. With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand she has wandered into an unknown land. Think of her faring on as dear in the love there as the love here—Rev. Sam Marcum.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon, by Rev. Sam Marcum at New Harmony church. Burial was in the Fugate cemetery, Frank Young, assisted by Wm. West, funeral directors in charge.

**BAUGHMAN**—Ertie Earnest Baughman was born June 20, 1904, near Green Forest, Ark. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Baughman.

He was married to Miss Ona Davis November 29, 1929.

He professed a hope in Christ in the summer of 1926, but never united with any church.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ona Davis Baughman, father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Baughman, two brothers, Coy Baughman of Colorado Springs, Alpha Baughman of Oak Grove, Ark., three sisters, Mrs. Floy Evans of Berryville, Ark., Mrs. Elva Garner of Green Forest, Ark., and Miss Vera Baughman, residing with her parents at Berryville, Ark., his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Dunlap of Green Forest, Ark., and a host of other relatives and friends.

His death was caused by a car accident in Louisville, Ky, at which time he was killed instantly. Ertie and two other men were by the side of their truck fixing a tire when a reckless driver ran over them all, killing the one and wounding the other two.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Winford Davis in the Baptist church at Berryville, Ark., Dec. 21st.

**CARDWELL**—Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from our midst the beloved member,

Sister Cella Cardwell, born Febr. 25, 1904, died Sept. 15, 1935, being thirty-one years, six months and twenty-one days old. She was converted in September, 1934, united with the Harmony Free Will Baptist church, and was baptized in October, 1934.

Sister Cella lived a devoted Christian life until the end. She was an active member in the church and league work, being captain of the young people's class at the time of her death.

Sister Clella leaves to mourn her departure a husband, one daughter, a mother, father, six sisters, three brothers, two grandmothers, one grandfather, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We, the Harmony Free Will Baptist church, offer our sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends, and ask them that they trust Him who gives strength in life and comfort in death.

This done by order of the church.  
Maggie Silvey, Clerk.

**COX**—Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from us

Brother A. M. Cox, who departed this life January 3, 1936. He was born in Saulberry, North Carolina, May 24, 1853, being eighty-two years, eight months and nine days old.

Bro. Cox professed faith in Christ in 1893, united with the Harmony Free Will Baptist church, Sept., 1929, being the oldest member of the church at the time of his death.

We, the Harmony Free Will Baptist church, wish to express to the bereaved family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy, and ask them to trust in Him who knows best in all things, and live so as to be ready to meet their Savior in peace when they have to depart this life.

This done by order of the church.  
Maggie Silvey, Clerk.

**BROWN**—Sarah Catherine Shrieves, daughter of Samuel and Eliza Shrieves, was born in Ripley County, Indiana, January 29, 1850 and departed this life January 15, 1936, being at the time of her death, 85 years, 11 months and 16 days old. She was of Scotch-Irish descent, tracing her ancestry back to the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, and was a direct descendant of Robert Bruce, one of the first kings of Scotland.

She was married to Francis M. Brown, November 6, 1868. To this union five children were born: Benjamin F., born January 6, 1870; Minerva V., born September 9, 1872; Samuel D., born May 2, 1875; Jesse E., born June 12, 1878, died March 1, 1900; Bessie J., born January 17, 1887, died March 20, 1890. She was left a widow September 21, 1815.

While quite young she was con-

verted and united with the Methodist church at old Concord. About 1900 she became a member of West Fork Baptist church where she remained a faithful member until death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, two sons: B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo., and Samuel D. Brown of Canaan, Ind., R. 1; one daughter, Mrs. Minerva V. Rem of Shelbyville, Ind., R. 4; one sister, Mrs. Alice Ogden of Osgood, Ind., four sisters and two brothers having preceded her in death. Her three children were at her bedside night and day during her last illness.

She leaves also six grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Funeral service was held at West Fork Baptist church at 2:00 p. m., Friday, January 17th, conducted by Rev. J. Elvan Hughes of Versailles, Ind., R. 1. The same minister conducted her husband's funeral more than twenty years before.

The family deeply appreciates the sympathetic kindness and help of those who helped so generously during the sickness and death of our Mother. We sincerely thank you all, also those who so nobly did their part at the funeral.—The Children.

**INMON**—Nellie Jane Marshall was born July 12, 1889, and departed this life at her home northeast of Purdy, Mo., January 10, 1936, after a lingering illness. She was at the time of her death 46 years, five months and 28 days old.

She was married March 2, 1913 to Floyd M. Inmon. To this union were born five children, two boys and three girls, one having preceded her mother in death at the age of five months.

Those surviving are as follows: Fantella McClellan of Purdy, Manis, Marjorie and Virginia at home.

Besides the children she leaves one granddaughter, Willa Dean McClellan, her companion, five sisters and one brother, also a host of close relatives and dear friends. Father and mother preceded her in death by a number of years. The sisters and one brother surviving are: Olive King of Nampa, Idaho, Etta Gipson, also of Nampa, Idaho, Mrs. C. R. Long of Wheaton, Mo., Mrs. Ami Reynaud of Monett, Mo., Ara and Walter, both of Springfield, Mo.

She was converted at the age of about 29, under the influence of a revival held at the Mountain Grove church by the late Rev. M. J. Combs.

Nellie seemed to take after her mother in that she was very conservative. She never seemed to be gifted in taking an active part in public; but was a devoted mother, and was very consecrated to her family, indeed she was a grand example of motherhood. She filled her place in life with great patience, and was very patient in her illness. She talked much to her Heavenly Father, even while on the bed of affliction. She has contri-

buted much to the great cause by being so willing to stay with the children and care for the home, thereby making it possible for her companion to follow his calling in spreading the great Gospel in song. Such home loving mothers are of untold value in maintaining that great institution we call the "home." She will be sadly missed in the home and community.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 11th, at 2:00 p. m. at the Bethel church, by Rev. Winford Davis, assisted by Rev. C. E. Henderson.

Interment in the Bethel cemetery. Blankenship Undertakers of Purdy in charge.

### DENISON, TEX., Dec. 30, 1935.

I am sending in a report of the fifth Sunday meeting held at Denison church, December 27-29, 1935.

Meeting opened Friday evening by District Moderator, P. H. Coffman. Eld. S. Wells of Durant, Okla. preached the introductory sermon. Subject, "Prayer." Scripture and text used from Luke, 11th chapter.

Saturday morning session opened by the moderator reading Isaiah 35. Prayer by the Pastor.

By-Laws read by the moderator.

The following committees were appointed: Divine Service, Finance, Sunday School, Credential, Temperance. Preaching Saturday morning at 11 o'clock by Sister Jossie Miller. Subject, "Pressing Toward the Mark" (Phil. 3:14).

Afternoon—Reports of committees. Sermon at 3:30 by Bro. Greenway of Mashburn church. Subject, "The Blood and the New Birth," it was good.

Evening sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Tares and the Wheat" (Matthew 13).

Sunday morning sermon by Bro. Fulce of Oklahoma. Subject, "Roll Ye Away the Stone" John 11.

Afternoon sermon by Bro. Coonrad. Subject, "Laying Aside Every Weight and running with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12).

Evening sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Seed of the Woman Shall Bruise the Serpent's Head" (Genesis 3).

Eld. and Mrs. Everett Wilson, 1110 Lamar Avenue, Denison, Texas.

### REPORT

We have just closed a twelve days meeting with the church at Hannon, Mo. The weather continued so very bad till we were obliged to close sooner than we expected. There were no conversions, but much good was done in other ways. We got the Executive Board together while there and proceeded to ordain Brothers Boyd Thornton and Arlie Hoover to the Gospel ministry. Also a ministerial license was granted to Brother Richard Talbott. The Hannon church is greatly elated over these promising young men. The future for the Central Western Mo. Association looks

much brighter as these splendid young men are starting out. The Executive Board also appointed Bro. Boyd Thornton statistician for the year of 1936. The Hannon church is also launching a building program, before this year is out we expect to have a nice new addition to the church. We have keenly felt the need of more room there for some time. The Hannon people are splendid people to work with.

While making this report we will also tell you of our new basement under the Macedonia church, which is now almost completed. The basement is the full size of the church. We expect to make good use of it in entertaining the State Ass'n next fall.

On Jan. 20th the church at Aurora sponsored a sacred quartet concert in the city hall there, rendered by the "Gospel Singers," KWTO Artists of Springfield, Mo., and the "Stark Quartet" of Verona, Mo. It certainly was a grand success. Twelve to fourteen hundred people were in attendance. Around \$40.00 was received in an offering for the benefit of our church there. The church building is now practically completed and almost out of debt.

May the Lord continue to bless our work everywhere, is my prayer.  
Winford Davis.

### REV. WILEY'S ITINERARY

Following is Bro. Willey's Itinerary for the State of Missouri. This is only partial. You who want Brother Willey in your church please let us know at once.

Rev. Willey is endorsed by the National Association of Free Will Baptist as Missionary to South America. In connection with his inspiring messages he will show stereopticon views of the South American Mission fields. Don't fail to have him in your church. He will be at

Monett church ..... April 6, 7  
Macedonia church ..... April 8, 9  
Hannon church ..... April 10, 11  
Aurora Ch. Sunday, April 12, a. m.  
and Sunday night  
Blue Eye church ..... April 13, 14  
Merl's Chapel church .... April 15, 16  
Jones Chapel church .... April 17, 18  
Carterville church, Sunday, April 19,  
at 11 o'clock and night.

Arrangements are being made for him to visit the churches of Southeast Missouri, and we are expecting other requests for him soon. Further dates will be given in the next issue of the Gem. If there is any other information you desire, please let us hear from you.

Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

### BOWNEMONT, W. VA.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

As I was at our last quarterly meeting, which began on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1935, I will give a brief report.

The weather was so bad that our attendance was short, only eleven

preachers present, and only five of our churches reported, but the business was done nicely and satisfactorily.

Rev. J. L. Patterson preached the Introductory sermon on Friday night. The business of the conference was opened at 9:30 a. m. by the clerk, James Cooper. Rev. J. L. Patterson was elected moderator, and a young preacher Rhines as assistant Mod.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Moderator appointed the committees. Letters from the churches were read.

Preaching at eleven o'clock by Rev. Hurman Carpenter. He delivered a good message, and a spiritual feeling seemed to be throughout the house.

Met back at two p. m. for business session and the conference was called to order by the moderator.

Business committee reported:

We ask that Bro. Chitlers be given a council to examine him for deacon of Ruth church.

We request that a committee be appointed to investigate the property and records of the place that the Chanler's Branch church is buying for a church house.

And we request that each ordained and licensed preacher bring not less than one dollar as conference money till our treasury is built up.

All requests of the business committee were granted and acted on.

Preaching at night by Rev. Ray Parsons, after which we took the Communion and had feet washing.

I will close wishing the editor and all Gem readers a Happy New Year.  
—F. E. Nicholas.

### GREENTOP, MISSOURI

Following is a report of our work for the past few months:

We are glad to report that we are still enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Praise His name.

On Sept. 3, 1935, we began a meeting at Stahl, with Bro. Noel Turner of Granby, Mo. as evangelist. We had some old fashioned services and were wonderfully blessed by refreshings by the Holy Spirit. We closed the meeting Sept. 22nd, with eight souls saved, ten baptized and four united with the church.

Then at night, Sept. 22nd, we began a meeting at Shibley's Point, where we labored until Oct. tenth. We had some good services, but no professions. Here we organized a church in Dec., with the help of the Executive Board. Eld. Jas. F. Miller spoke at this service on "The Duties of the Church." There were seven ministers present, and God's Spirit was manifested in a wonderful way and the service was enjoyed by all present.

We attended the State Association at Flat River, Mo. We shall never forget the good people there and the way in which they entertained us.

Then on Oct. 22nd Bro. Turner and I began a meeting at Martinstown F. W. B. church. Here we labored hard, with rain and muddy roads.

On Nov. 4th Elders Noel Turner, C. M. Dauber and Farrell Zinn and

wife and myself and wife started for Nashville, Tenn. in Bro. Zinn's car. We arrived at Bro. J. F. Miller's in Flat River just after dark in a real rain storm. They gladly took us in for the night, and the next evening we arrived at Nashville. Here we met many of our kin folks in the Lord we had never met before. Well, God's Spirit was manifested in most every service—yes in the business sessions also; surely we were laborers together with God.

We came back to Martinstown and had some wonderful services. Bro. Zinn and wife were with us in the last few services. The power fell and God convicted, and seven souls professed faith in Christ, five were baptized and six united with the church.

Then on Dec. 2nd we began a meeting at Sublette (This is our home), Bro. Zinn as evangelist. Bro. Noel Turner had charge of the singing. We had some wonderful services here, and some wonderful messages, both in sermon and song. There were seven professions, two baptized and six united with the church.

We had a fine Junior choir in each of these meetings, led by Bro. Turner. God bless the little folks.

It was a pleasure to work with these brethren and to have them and Sister Zinn in our home. May God bless the Free Will Baptist everywhere.

Sam H. Marcum,

Pastor of the above named churches.

**FLAT RIVER CHURCH NOTES**

We have just closed a four weeks' revival meeting at the church in Flat River, with a fairly good report despite the cold weather of the last week. Sixteen conversions and reclaims.

Bro. Zinn from Crane, Mo. was the evangelist. He preached some real messages, enough to save all the unsaved people of Flat River, if they would only receive it, but you all know there is a great drouth on spiritually speaking just now.

Bro. Zinn and his wife are going from here to Fredericktown, Mo. to hold a meeting, to commence Sunday night, February 2, 1936.

We are praying for a great success in the meeting there too, and we are sure they covet the prayers of the righteous, that many souls of Fredericktown will be saved.

Raymond La Brot.

**Report of Quarterly League Rally of Union Association**

The members of Quarterly League rally of Union Association of F. W. B. met Sunday, Dec. 8, 1935, with the Niangua League.

After Sunday school the house was called to order by Eld. Geo. Scott, Jr. and services were opened by singing. Prayer by Sister Calame. After which a splendid message was delivered by Eld. Geo. Scott, Jr., on the subject of an "Overcoming Life." Text, "Looking unto Jesus the Author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him, endured the

cross, despising the shame; and is now set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Heb. 12:2).

The afternoon services were called to order by the secretary. Singing by Class, and prayer by Eld. Faye George. The president and vice president both being absent, Adam Scott was elected to act as chairman, after which the business session was held.

Letters from the Mt'n Grove, Brushy Knob and Oak Grove leagues were read and accepted, and the following delegates registered: Martha Late- mon, Della Smith, Wayne Coffman, Vada Brickley and Nora Parker. A verbal report was given for the Niangua league. The Oak Grove league requested and was granted the next rally, and Eld. Faye George was chosen to preach the sermon. Eld. Homer Smith alternate. Mr. Sell was elected as chairman of the next rally and Ray Hutsell as assistant. There being no other business, to be taken up, a very helpful program was given.

**PROGRAM**

- Welcome ..... Loyd Sell
- Prayer ..... Kathleen Walton
- Reading ..... Doris Sell
- Reading ..... Jean Alexander
- Song ..... Gerlie Dudley
- Reading ..... Doris Rader
- Reading ..... Norene Smart
- Reading ..... Harry Lee Alexander
- Reading ..... Mary Lou Petett
- Reading ..... Vivian Fillmore
- Quartet ..... George Family
- Reading ..... Ray Petett
- Reading ..... Della Frances Arthur
- Reading ..... Glenn Sell
- Reading ..... Marie Bowzer
- Duet .... Nadine and Ganice Brown
- Reading ..... Martha Cates
- Reading ..... Evelyn Bowzer
- Reading ..... Beulah Smith
- Reading ..... Freda Sell
- Song ..... Scott Children
- Reading ..... Violet Bartlett
- Reading ..... Betty Jean Walton
- Quartet ..... Calame Children
- Quartet ..... Calame Children
- Quartet ..... George Family

After the program there was an old time Chritian hand-shake by all who had enjoyed being at Niangua with the good people and all who intend to press forward and work harder for our leagues.

Dismissed by Eld. Faye George.  
Adam Scott, Chairman,  
Mary Scott, Secretary.

**VAN BUREN. ARK., Jan. 25th.**

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:  
After being absent from your columns for some time, I beg leave to submit the following poem; with the hope that it might be admonition of value to some, who like myself, are so greatly in need of inspiration, doctrine, reproof, correction and instruction in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

I like to see these articles, gleaned from various sources, appear in the Gem, and especially the good sermons and reports of the many good brethren and sisters that comprise the Gem family. I pray that the good work will continue and, like the established

child of God, grow in grace and the knowledge of the Lord (2 Peter 3:18).

Pray for me when it goes well with you.—(Eld.) Lloyd N. Weese.

**GIVE**

GIVE, give, give, give!  
GIVE of your substance, freely give,  
GIVE to the sick, give to the poor,  
GIVE to the stranger at your door.

GIVE from the fullness of your heart,  
GIVE a kind thought, give a fresh start.

GIVE to the sorrowful, weary and worn,  
GIVE a new lift to some one forlorn.

GIVE with a loving word and smile,  
GIVE from your purse a gift worth while.

GIVE to a neighbor, give good cheer,  
GIVE of yourself each day in the year.

GIVE of your counsel, give of your praise,

GIVE to make this the finest of days,  
GIVE of your peace and good-will to men,

GIVE and still give, again and again.

GIVE of your faith in God supreme,  
GIVE and make giving your daily theme.

GIVE to the utmost, though thanks be few,  
GIVE since Christ gave all for you!

—Selected.

**WHERE THE RIVER OF LIFE IS FLOWING**

Tune: *Where the River Shannon Flows*  
By Rev. A. E. Gully, Creve Coeur, Mo.

There's a pretty spot in Heaven,  
Which I always call my home,  
Here I'll always be a stranger,  
No matter where I roam;  
For my heart is fixed on Heaven,  
And the joys that there await,  
Some time I shall enter Glory,  
Just beyond the pearly gates.

**CHORUS**

Where the stream of Life is flowing,  
Where the streets are paved with gold,  
Where my heart is, I am going,  
To the land where we'll ne'r grow old;  
'Tis the land of sweet for ever,  
And I'll leave that dear home never,  
For our Savior there is waiting  
To receive us to our home.

There the tree of life is blooming,  
For those who have overcome,  
Who have followed the steps of Jesus,  
By angels carried home.  
They had conquered worldly pleasures,  
From sin their lives were free,  
And up there among their number,  
There is room for you and me.

There my loved ones are awaiting,  
Who have passed on there before,  
And I shall go to meet them,  
When this fleeting life is o'er;  
There I'll settle down for ever,  
And I'll leave that bright home never  
And I'll praise our blessed Savior,  
While the choir is praising—Oho.



**DRUMRIGHT, OKLA., Jan. 3rd.**

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

I have been a little slow about sending in the report from Mission Circle No. 1, of First Mission Association, this being the first report for the year 1936.

Our meeting was a very sad one due to the death of our brother in Christ, Eld. McFarren, a member of Vance Chapel church. The funeral services were held at Vance Chapel at 10:00 a. m., then we went to Olive, and after the noon hour we had a very short business session, and went right into our devotional service. We had a very spiritual service, with Sister Millie Inmon, Mission Pres. of Olive in charge.

Sister Leona Green of Silver City brought the message, followed by Bro. Johnston of Jennings. Text, Gen. 3:21.

The following missions sent in written reports:

Tuskegee Mission sends greetings to Mission Circle No. 1 when convened at Olive church. We have changed our meeting days to Friday nights. Since our last report, we have quilted one quilt, bought 50 song books for church, bought heating stove for an aged couple, bought material for casket for a baby, worked 89 service hours, made 98 sick calls, read 129 Bible chapters. We are hoping to do more in this new year than we have in the past year.

Pray for us.

Sister J. H. West, Pres.

Vance Chapel Mission sends the following report:

We have had two cottage prayer meetings, made sick calls, had one grocery shower, gave one garment, gave our pastor a Bible for Christmas, we are working on two name quilts. We are looking forward to a revival soon, and hoping many souls will be saved.

Sister Ralph Robb, Pres.

Sister Chas. Wimsett, Sec'y.

Olive Mission reports: We are still holding on with the encouragement of our pastor, Sister Fincher and our Lord.

Our Christmas tree and program was a great success, we got a great blessing from it.

We have made 15 sick calls, had four service hours, read 305 Bible chapters, quilted one quilt, made 41.15, gave one pair shoes

to needy, gave a quilt to Sister Fincher. We have \$3.35 in our flower fund. We need your prayers, that we will still do our duty as mission workers.

Sister Millie Inmon, Pres.

Sister Sadie Rusco, Sec'y.

Drumright reports:

Our mission is in good working order, having an average attendance of 12 to 14 for December. We have an average of 25 at our Thursday night meetings, but we have dismissed our Thursday night meetings so they can practice for the Christmas program. We have made and sold some quilt block sets, have helped the sick, read 73 Bible chapters, made 24 sick calls. Pray for us.

Sister Brown, President,

Sister Manning, Sec'y.

Silver City reports: We are still trying to do the will of the Master, and hope our efforts are pleasing to Him. We still have a good Sunday school, and our weekly prayer meetings have a good attendance. [We had a large crowd at our church on New Years eve. Twelve ministers took the stand, each speaking ten minutes. We heard some wonderful messages. We were dismissed at midnight, at the beginning of the new year, "on our knees" in a united prayer of thankfulness for the many blessings our heavenly Father had bestowed upon us during the past year. Following this we had a light lunch before going to our homes.

The ladies have not been able to do so much work in the last month, owing to the fact we have been preparing for our Christmas program. We have had one sale, had one pie supper which netted \$33.00, same going for treats and to the church. The men folks put up our new ceiling and painted it. We have read many Bible chapters, made a lot of sick calls and service hours, gave our pastor, Sister Newman, a nice Bible for Christmas.

We ask you, one and all, to remember us in your prayers.

Sister Baker, President,

Sister Tattershall, Sec'y.

Olive Junior Mission sends greetings: We are working and having good meetings, have read 148 Bible chapters, had 56 service hours, made 20 sick calls. We are working on a Business

Men's quilt. Our mission gave a brief case with name and initials to Sister Fincher.

Evelyn Lacy, Secretary.

We had our street meeting at 7:15, Bro. Geo. Johnston bringing the message. Text, "God is not mocked."

Our Fellowship meeting was a great success. Twelve ministers took the stand, each speaking ten minutes. Our letters are so long I will not give their names and texts this time. We had some special songs by two girls from Olive and the male quartet from Oilton.

Our next rally goes to Jennings.

We ask you all to remember us in your prayers, that we may grow and prosper.

Sister Fincher, Pres.,

Willa Hallman, Sec'y.

## CHIPS

### From Eld. T.C.Ferguson's Sermons

Where is Jesus? He is where you want Him to be.

Where is the Devil? He is where you want him to be.

If you can't quit gossiping, pray much.

If people in Heaven were all like you, what kind of a Heaven would it be?

Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people; are you prepared for Heaven?

Hell is a prepared place for a prepared people, are you preparing to go there?

Where Heaven begins, Hell ends. If you don't love God in this world, you won't love Him anywhere else.

Where will you be a hundred years from now?

Are you proud or ashamed of what you did last year, and are you going to do the same things this year, or will you do better?

If you should die tonight, where will you be in the morning?

Will you trade or sell your soul? If not, then why throw it away for nothing?

Did you vote to do away with the Eighteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution? If you did, then mend your ways and vote it back.

A dog chews a bone because he can't swallow it; some people do the same thing with the Bible.

# The Adorable Christ

By Eld. Winford Davis

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15)

## Immaculate

For immaculate purity and holy living, Christ and His life is, for us, a perfect pattern. We hear the Apostle Peter say in 1st Peter 2, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." He was the world's one and only perfect man in the flesh. Matthew says that immediately following His baptism He was led into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. After He had fasted forty days and nights, Satan tried Him severely; but miserably lost in the attack, for the Christ held His integrity, and resisted the devil to such an extent that Satan left Him, as if to say, "I find there's no use to try." No doubt, from this battle so triumphantly won, Paul gets his feeling of justification to say, "He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Seven hundred years before His birth, Isaiah saw His pure and spotless character and hesitated not to say, "He did no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth." But does not reason teach us it would take one in His purity to atone for sin in its impurity? An immaculate Christ for the immensity of our sin. Just as a lamb without blemish was required in the days of Israel; so the Lamb of God, of which the former was a type, must not be blemished by sin. Christ has been assailed from many angles, such as His deity, resurrection, second coming, etc.; but where is the man, the His enemy, who does not admit He led a clean life and taught good things? Truly He was the immaculate Son of God. For our benefit let us quote Phil. 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

## Invincible

All the demon forces of hell have been focused on Him from the time of His birth until now; but still He and His go on triumphantly. Shortly following His birth Herod made a desperate attempt to destroy the Christ

Child; but all in vain. God always has some unique way of caring for His own. History says Herod was so determined in his purpose, that in spite of the fact that one of his own children was included in the murdered babies, yet the heartless decree was carried out. This brought the well known statement from the lips of Caesar at Rome, "It is safer to be Herod's son than to be his son." But while Herod was carrying on his bloody war against the rightful heir to David's throne the holy child was kept safe in the land of Egypt, and the results of Herod's efforts stand out in history as a mad man's greatest failure.

During the days of His ministry, the Christ haters continued to stir up public sentiment until they succeeded in getting carried out, His crucifixion and burial. They thought they were done with Him. No doubt they gloried exceedingly in their accomplishment. Then, behold, early in the morning the first day of the week, an angel from Heaven came and rolled the stone away, the Roman guards fell as dead men, and our Savior came forth showing Himself the Invincible Christ. I will say here that silence on the part of the Roman government at that time is one of the greatest witnesses of Christ's resurrection. No wonder Christ said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Strenuous efforts have been made since the birth of the church by both pagan and papal powers to destroy it from the face of the earth; but all in vain. So intense were these efforts till they have caused to be recorded in history a period known as the "dark ages," yet Christ and His church goes on unconquerable. Volumes could be written on modern day efforts now being made against the Christ, both by way of deceit and by bold attempt. The Russian or Communist activities for example. The scholastic, atheistic, and communistic efforts in our own country for another example, and also Modernism in the church the world over. The three unclean spirits like frogs, namely: Communism, Fascism, Modernism (Read Rev. 16:12-17), are very busy getting things ready for a last and final stand against Christ. Demon power will ere long head up in the being and influence of two powerful

beastly characters known in God's Word as the Antichrist or the beast and the false prophet; but at the height of their power Christ will ride forth followed by the armies of heaven (read Rev. 19), to successfully fight and ruin the battle of Armageddon and to put down the Antichrist; again showing Himself the Invincible Christ.

It seems that men and nations will never learn the folly of fighting against God and His Christ. To resist Christ is but always to lose. Isn't it wonderful that we the redeemed have the joy of *knowing* that we are positively on the winning side! That our Captain is One who has never lost a battle, nor ever shall. Certainly He has been proving, and will ultimately prove Himself to be the Invincible Christ.

## Incarnate

The word "Incarnate" is related to the word "carnal." One meaning of the word carnal is "fleshy." So the word incarnate, when used referring to the Christ, simply means Christ clothed in human flesh. "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (St. John 1:14). As words utter thoughts, so Christ uttered God to the world. Jesus was an expression of God.

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call his name Emanuel which being interpreted, is God with us." We have so much better conception of God since He has come to live with us than was possible for them to have who lived before the incarnation. They thought of Him as a God of power, judgment and wrath. Since Jesus came we think of Him as a God of love. Jesus said, "God is love." While He truly is a God of power, wrath, and judgment, yet there is in Him oceans of love. A good example of God's manifestation to the people in Moses' time is found in the latter part of Heb., 12th chapter, which refers to the time when there were lightnings and thunderings on the mount, and man and beast were commanded to not touch the mount, lest they die. So terrible was the sight that Moses said, "I exceedingly fear and quake." This shows the conception they must have had of God. They never had thought of this same God coming down and going into sick rooms and ministering to the needs of the people, presenting their loved ones alive again, taking little babies in His arms and blessing them, weeping over the death of a friend, etc. But the latter is exactly the under-

standing we can have of God since the Word was made flesh. Job, one of the oldest Bible characters, expressed his feeling of the need of such a sympathizing one when he said, "For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him, and we should come together in judgment. Neither is there any daysman (or umpire) betwixt us, that might lay his hand upon us both" (Job 9:32, 33).

Of course there is unbelief in, and criticism hurled at the Biblical account of the miraculous Holy Ghost conception. But why not grant the fact that He who created all matter has supreme rule over the same. To deny miraculous power and miraculous events is but to deny everything. Men talk so much about nature. What is nature? Is not the conclusive answer to be found in one of the smallest, yet largest words, "God?" Could He be thought of as the Christ, in that sense we now think of Him, should He have come to us through what men call natural channels only? Why not appreciate the heavenly Father's outstanding demonstration of His own power in the birth of His Son, rather than to be sceptical about

it? The existence of your very life is nothing but a miracle. The springing forth of the grain you sow in the field is nothing less than a miracle. The beautiful flowers blooming in your window shows forth a beautiful miracle. You say it is nature. Maybe so, but a natural miracle. You have just as much reason to doubt these facts as to doubt the beautiful conception and birth of the world's Redeemer.

How wonderful that Christ was willing to take on Himself the form of man, live like men, suffer like men, be tempted, love, appreciate, tire, thirst, hunger, weep, and die like men; all of which was vitally necessary that He might perfect the plan of human redemption. As says the Apostle Paul in Heb. 2:17, 18, "Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." He was truly man, yet truly God.

Certainly He is worthy of all our adoration.

the man who had plenty and yet went unto the poor man and robbed him of the only lamb he had. When David was told that he was the guilty man, he said with godly sorrow, "I have sinned." After his repentance, Nathan told him he would not have to die for the act. But remember David had to repent.

Surely, without repentance, none could be saved. John the Baptist came preaching repentance yonder in the wilderness near Jordan and the land of Judea. Jesus followed with the subject of repentance, all the disciples did the same, and we today should and some are preaching and teaching that repentance is necessary, and without it, all shall likewise perish.

Through repentance there comes the new (spiritual) birth, that Christ told Nicodemus about (John 3:3), and through repentance Cornelius received that which was lacking within himself. He was a devout man, feared God, with all his house, gave alms to the people, and prayed to God always (Acts 10:2); yet something was lacking, there was something he must do, he must repent and be born again. We can find a teaching that repentance is necessary with all who pass from death unto life.

Only a few days ago I was passing through a small town in Kansas, and having a few minutes to spend there, I walked down the street, and heard a young man speaking in such a manner that proved he was not a Christian. Prayerfully I approached him with the subject of salvation, and the necessity of living so as to escape eternal torment.

"I don't believe there is a place of torment," was his reply.

I then asked, "Don't you believe in a heavenly home for the righteous?" "Yes."

"Then do you not believe in a place of punishment for the wicked?"

"Well," he said, "not a place of torment with fire, just a torment of mind."

He went on to explain how he had decided the Bible to be just a theory of some man, and his idea of the matter was just as valuable and chanced to be just as right as that of the Bible writers. But we know they were inspired of God to write and record the things that are right and wrong. This young man said his honesty and good deeds would outweigh his unrighteousness, and he would get to heaven on that; trying to shun repentance.

## REPENTANCE

By Eld. Kenneth Turner

*"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"*

Repentance, to be sure, is required of one and all, if there is to be a hope of eternal bliss. Christ spoke boldly and right to the point when He was addressing the people, and here He is telling them, just because they considered themselves a bit more righteous than others, they would not be favored. He says, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Christ always had, in His ministry, a self-righteous people to deal with, and to condemn. There were so many who would try to justify themselves. He is talking to such people in Luke 10:29 and 16:15, and in Luke 18 He considers the Pharisee who stood and boasted of his own goodness, thanking God that he was not as other men. Christ says the publican who humbled himself and acknowledged his sinfulness was heard of God; "I tell you this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall

be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:14). Christ here condemns the action and spirit of the self-justified Pharisee. No blessing comes to hearts of this spirit; but those of the publican class who humble themselves and repent unto God, the same shall receive the needed blessing just as this publican did.

You may ask, What is repentance? In 2 Cor. 7:10, Paul tells us, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation . . ." I believe Peter was really experiencing a godly sorrow just after the cock crew (Matt. 26:75), and he wept his way back to God. Oh, for more people who would do as Peter did, when their sin is revealed to them—come weeping and repenting of their ungodliness. Another instance of true repentance can be found in David's experience (2 Sam. 12). After he had sent the husband of Bathsheba to the battle front, that he might be killed so he himself could take her for his own wife. Nathan, being sent of God, told David about



Another young man recently said to me, "I think it is better for a person to try to live right a while before he is converted." God pity people who try so hard to get around the Bible way of coming to the Lord thru repentance. May the Lord help us to preach the importance of repentance with more boldness and power.

Isaiah 58:1 speaks these words, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Let us be bold in the Spirit after Christ's manner, with a righteous indignation, which will enable us to teach the words of God and the necessity of repentance. There are so many ways taught and held out, that one don't

have to repent. Did you ever hear a preacher or any one say the teaching of repentance is foolishness? One said one time, "I never repented of anything when I made a start for the Lord." I say, according to the Bible, he has never made a start with salvation in his heart and soul; and no doubt he is right when he says he has never repented.

While this is true with perhaps the majority of the people, do not forget that there are still at least a few who have repented and are crying out the teaching of its importance unto salvation.

And remember that Christ said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

child learns as much in the first three years as in ten other years;" we are convinced as to the importance of the mother. Most all of the time of the first seven years he is a constant companion with his mother.

The influence of the mother is very noticeable in the case of David's sons: Ammon and Absalom and Solomon and Nathan. Hezekiah is a good example of the influence of a good mother. Heredity is explained in the influence in the reign of his grandfather and Hezekiah's son. The father shows with the mother in the influence of the home. He is not with the children so much, but probably exerts more influence while he is present. The father's influence in a well regulated family is limited to be the supreme judge, hero, and priest. We have Biblical examples of a father who failed to fill the place. Eli lost his prestige and priesthood because he did not command his sons. They made themselves vile and he did not restrain them. Abraham received a wonderful promise and blessing because "He will command his household after him."

The father holds the key to life for the ordinary boy and girl of adolescence period. He is their leader in life away from home. He is usually away all day. When he returns home he has news and different stories of life to tell. He too may interest the children in a Bible story. The best way of teaching young children the important events of truth recorded in the Bible is by means of the story.

"A religious Education should be the heritage of every child—spiritual illiteracy is the greatest peril of organized society. Spiritual illiteracy is the forerunner of moral bankruptcy and national decay."

With these thoughts in mind we may see the influence of the children as they approach school age. The parents themselves; their co-operation with the teacher largely determines the success of the child. They select the church which the child attends, they select the playmate as much as possible. If no other way than the location of their home or residence. They influence to a great extent the child's future character. The gang, the school and the church are chosen by the parents for the child in their residence. Their likes and dislikes are usually copied from the parents. They are the opportunity of the parents to build to the heights they failed to reach.

The child has only one part of his life to make—personality. The influence of the parents is greatly in this factor. Though the child is unaware of the fact, he is acting upon the things he has learned in early childhood. The child one day finds that he is himself and starts exercising his will. This development makes the character of the child. The control the parents have exercised before and continue to exercise will be the only factor they regulate. The foundation has been laid now. They help

## The Home As An Educational Agency

By Monte Peterson of Greentop, Mo.

Continued from last month

It proves to me that the characteristics of any person, animal or fowl do not appear till the adolescence period. In my own experience I have never noticed anyone having a marked inherited characteristic until they were in the adolescence period. With all that heredity has to offer and as plain as the law of heredity is demonstrated, we must say with the evidence stated and unstated that the home has complete control of heredity.

Environment is controlled by the home as well as heredity. In the home the infant is helpless as far as heredity and environment are concerned. This important factor of environment is under direct control of the mother and father. They determine for the most part, the destiny of the child. Practically the only part the grandparents have in this is the influence they have had on their children who are the new parents.

With the statement of Rev. C. H. Benson, in his book, "An Introduction to Child Study," in mind; "By the time a child is seven he has received three-fourths of his education." We should strive to get parents to realize that "the holiest of all tasks of young parents is to guide and nurture and develop the fine native impulses to kindness, reverence, obedience, faith and prayer, which will enrich life and character in all the years to come."

With these thoughts before us let us see the influence of the parents.

The mother is the child's first acquaintance, so let us look at her importance. Perhaps it might be well to introduce some testimony from our text book. Lincoln said, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my mother." Other sources, "Suzanna Wesley was the mother of nineteen children, and she held them for God. When she was asked how she did it, she replied, 'By getting hold of their hearts in their youth and never losing my grip.'" John Randolph said in the House of Representatives, "If it had not been for my godly mother, I, John Randolph, would have been an infidel." The mother of Nero, Emperor of Rome, was a murderer. So is it any wonder he fiddled while Rome burned?

The late Rev. W. A. Sunday said, "I believe the ideal mother is the product of a civilization that rose from the manger of Bethlehem."

We are probably tempted to ask the question, "Why is the mother so important?" I believe the words of a paragraph in "An Introduction to Child Study" sum up the reasons for mothers' importance.

In the earliest hours she is all of heaven and earth to him. In his mother he has discovered protection, providence, and provision. The first object of a child's religion is its mother. The mother arms are his heaven; her eyes the stars; and her care and provision and providence on which he relies with fullness of faith." Then remembering the statement that: "A

or hinder the base of the structure which is the personality of the child. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

In other words give the child a Christian heritage. "Home is the great field of religious education. All that the best church school can do is small compared with what could be done in the homes, were these dedicated to the task, prepared by training and equipment for its performance and united with the church in a close band of fellowship and mutual co-operation. In rare cases where these conditions are fulfilled the results fully established the theism here maintained." For my part I believe that children who have been properly trained will accept Jesus Christ as their Savior—if they have had the example before them. I firmly believe in expression of the precepts learned is the essential to training. It was one important factor in my coming to Moody Bible Institute.

The great problems of getting the ideas herein mentioned are: Divorce, movies, and lack of true Christian teachers and true Christian homes.

Divorce—What causes it? We have one divorce out of every five marriages. The reasons are:

1. The high standard of living required in the United States.
2. The increased cost of living leads to divorce.
3. The growth of modern industrialism has made it possible for women to secure remunerative employment and thus become independent.
4. Later marriages are often the cause of divorce.
5. The feminist and woman suffrage movements are new developments and are evidence of a change to which we have not become adjusted.
5. The socialist teachings have much to do with the dissolution of the marriage bond.

The movies are loosening the home ties. The family seldom has an evening together; they are demoralizing in the effect. C. H. Benson tells us in "An Introduction to Child Study" that "a child remembers 50% of what he sees and 10% of what he hears." So, it is easy to see the influence of the church and movies contrasted. Besides that there are seventy million attending the movies every week and of this vast number eleven million are under twelve years old. What can we expect? The results are child crime. The newspapers are full of it. What will the end be? A ruined nation or our fathers and mothers must awaken and have a spiritual revival.

We turn again to "An Introduction to Child Study"—"Training is helping to know and grow and do." Remembering these words and those of Solomon: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it;" we thus see it is the need of America today to have pure Christian parents and teachers. Ones that teach precept, example and use expression on the pupils' part.

We have before us the meaning of training and the promise to those who practice it. It is worthy of the consideration of the parents of the nation "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." These apply to Child Life.

How sweet are the memories awakened by those old Gospel hymns our fathers and mothers used to sing! In my mind runs the thought of fear—"No, Never Alone" seems to be falling from my father's lips to my ear. When sickness comes, my mother's soothing voice says, "The great Physician now is here—the Sympathizing Jesus." When life seems dark and blue, I see them by the fireside—"Rock of Ages Cleft for me . . . ." Then the blessed thought, as at even as I repose, and of my Heavenly Father, I beg, the answer comes almost before I ask, "Your Mother and Father just got through asking Me to help you."

God bless those who give their children a Christian heritage. May those homes never perish from the earth.

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Will the pastors please take the matter up with your various churches, and all who want Bro. Willey for at least one service, please let me know at once.

I am sure his presence and message will be a blessing to any church that may be fortunate enough to get him. He will also show stereopticon views of the South American mission fields.

Let us hear from you at once, as we are planning his itinerary. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.