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Noel Turner



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Some of Our Preachers

Of the ten ministers pictured on this page, nine belong to Indian Creek Ass'n, and one, Bro. Thomas H. Willey, is our Missionary to South America, whose home address is Durham, North Carolina.

Bro. Kenneth Turner has proved himself a successful pastor and evangelist, earnest and dependable. His address is Granby, Mo.

Bro. Noel Turner is one of our successful evangelists. He is now working among the churches of N. E. Mo. He is Clerk of Indian Creek Ass'n. Address Granby, Mo.

Bro. Weston is another one of our young preachers who is making a success in the ministry, especially as a pastor. His address is Monett, Mo.

Bro. Campbell, another one of our young preachers, is making satisfactory proof of his ministry, especially as a pastor, and is pastor at Carterville Mo. (half time), and at Blue Eye, Mo. He is Moderator of our Indian Creek Association. His address is Stella, Missouri.

Bro. Rollins, one of our young preachers, has achieved success as a minister, and is growing because he applies himself to the

study of the Word; his future is promising. His address is Purdy, Missouri.

Bro. Willey, as many of you know, is our Missionary to South America. He is a Spirit-filled man, called of God and capable; let's support him with our means and with our prayers. His home address is Durham, North Carolina.

Bro. Zinn is one of our successful evangelists, almost continually in revival work. He is also our field man, to solicit for the Gem and the State work. His address is Pierce City, Missouri.

Bro. Davis, one of our able ministers, is also one of the busiest. He pastors three churches, one for half time. He broadcasts over the radio once a week from Springfield. He is Clerk of Mo. State Ass'n, etc. His address is Monett, Missouri.

Bro. Allred, one of our older preachers, is still a young man, and is wholeheartedly in the Master's work. He pastors Monett church full time. He is a member of the State Ex. Board. His address is Monett, Mo.

B. F. Brown, as you all know, is Editor of the Gem, but only a few know how busy he is. We are always glad to hear from our friends, but have very little time to answer.



J. B. Rollins



O. T. Allred



F. C. Zinn



T. H. Willey



Winford Davis



B. F. Brown

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CLINCHPORT, VIRGINIA, May 13, 1936.

Brethren: Some time ago I received one of your papers that was published at Purdy, Mo. In reading it I found that there is some real service of God's people over the country at large. I will try to give you some idea of what the Free Will Baptist are doing here.

The Clinch Valley Association is composed of about twelve churches, all in good working order. In this association there is one quarterly meeting which has about nine of the churches in it. The Moderator of this Association last August was J. A. Boatright of Verdi, Va. Its Clerk was L. E. Sexson of Dante, Va. The Moderator of the last quarterly meeting was C. E. Spencer of Mabe, Va., and its Clerk was Mack Butler of Clinchport. We met at Pine Grove church at Fort Blackmore, Va. on Stony Creek, on Thursday night before the first Sunday in April, 1936, and continued until Sunday noon. We had a wonderful time praising the Lord.

—Mack Butler.

NON, OKLAHOMA

The Dedication Service of the new Free Will Baptist church at Non, Okla., April 19, 1936, was a real success in every way, with as fine preaching and singing as any one needs to hear.

On Saturday evening ministers, singers and visitors began to arrive. Services began at 7:30. After enjoying a wonderful song service and prayer by Rev. W. E. Lindsay of Ada, Okla., one of the old pastors of the Non church, after which Rev. J. E. Yandell of Red Oak, Okla., another one of the pastors, preached a fine sermon, using for a text, Eph. 1:10. Concluded by Rev. M. M. McKee of Soper, Okla., R1. Dismissed by Rev. J. W. Fulce of Fulsom, Okla.

The Sunday morning service began at 9:45. After enjoying a fine song service for one hour, prayer was offered by Rev. W. P. Scott. Welcome address by Rev. M. M. McKee, pastor. Response by Rev. B. C. Munkus.

The Dedication Sermon was delivered by Rev. I. W. Yandell, using for a text, 1 Tim. 3:15. A powerful sermon was preached. The Dedication prayer was offered by Rev. I. N. Pate. Dismissed for dinner.

A bounteous feast was spread at the noon hour.

All the committees worked in perfect harmony throughout the entire services, and other communities and visitors assisted in making this a great day, and the good singers and classes from different parts of the state did their part. I couldn't call each one's name, but will just say, It was a wonderful time, and good to be there.

No one that was called upon to render any part in the services refused in any way, but all did their best.

The evening services were filled up with singing and short talks by ministers present. There were so many there that some didn't get to speak. We were not able to count the congregation, but there were several hundred present. A fine Spirit prevailed throughout the entire day. Services closed at five o'clock.

Preaching service Sunday night by Rev. J. W. Fulce. Concluded by Rev. I. W. Yandell. Dismissed by Rev. J. E. Yandell.

Ministers present at the Dedication Service:

Rev. I. W. Yandell,	Dibble, Okla.
" B. C. Munkus	Chickasha, Okla.
" J. E. Yandell	Red Oak, Okla.
" I. N. Pate	Antlers, Okla.

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THE MOVIES

The Greatest Religious Menace

By Wilber Underwood, Tulsa, Okla.

The above statement, "The greatest Religious Menace," carries a sweeping indictment. Critics tell us that we should be very careful of our words, and that they scarcely, if ever, should be used to such degree in referring to a proposition based upon human judgment.

But I can say in the words of Patrick Henry, "That in proportion to the magnitude of the subject ought to be the freedom of the debate; and should I withhold my opinion and fail to express myself clearly, I should consider it an act of disloyalty to the majesty of Heaven.

The gigantic financial power that attaches to the business (Movies) as a money maker, nothing in history has equaled it. Producers often spend from one to two million dollars making a picture; and when it is finished, it goes out to thousands of theatres where it is shown to crowded houses, sometimes for weeks and even months, and in some of the large cities they get as high as two and three dollars for a seat.

The money side of the business practically puts it beyond the power of courts and boards of censors.

It is a menace of incomparable power because of its demoralizing effect it is having upon society. It puts the moral value of life on a low plane; it wields an influence over the immature boys and girls of the land; it is lowering the moral standing of our youth.

Emphasis is being placed on sex relations; sex must dominate the whole show if it is to become a big hit. Many young people believe that illicit sexual relations now being portrayed before millions in motion picture audiences are practiced so widely, that it is entirely proper for them to do likewise. As a result, many boys and girls think they will be unpopular unless they do likewise; and all moral restraint is thrown to the winds. Millions of boys and girls in the adolescent age are seeing these distorted sex ideals and the effect is inevitable.

The movie actors are fast becoming the ideals for the young people—they are the heroes and heroines of daily conversation. Their beauty and clothing, and lax habits, are fast becoming

imprinted in the plastic mind of the American youth. Screen actors become the idols of boys and girls at the age of dreams and romance.

Stage life is false and twenty million children are being fed up on what gives life a wrong viewpoint. The whole business teaches a standard of life that will ultimately destroy the home. Marriage has no sanctity in the movies, and the power on the minds and morals of America's young life through these agencies cannot be estimated.

The churches of all the denominations are being deserted and the show houses are being packed day and night.

The moving picture has become the national teacher on all public and religious questions, and propagandas are being carefully directed through this channel.

The thing that suffers most is Protestantism, it is the thing that has raised our civilization out of the chaotic times of the dark ages, yet it is fought by this great menace, this well laid propaganda is backed by Jewish money and intrigue.

When a Protestant minister is portrayed in a picture, it makes him a cheap sissyified ass, and is an insult to every one of God's people. But, what about the priest, the holy father, he is always a hero and millions of people are taught that the Roman Catholic church and the priest are the only true type of religion.

The picture show has no regard for the Lord's day, but they are packed with our boys and girls, many of them go to Sunday school in the morning, and go to the picture show in the afternoon. Our church members contribute largely to their support. I am appealing to the ministers to sound the alarm from the pulpit, for it is time that we should be alarmed because of this great menace.

The picture show gives a complete course of schooling in the technique of crime, it shows the most modern methods of crime; as the student sits back and watches all manner of crime committed. He also sees how the police work; so he thinks he knows how to get away after he pulls the job.

visit. He once lived among us here, but has been living in Kansas for some time, and we sure did enjoy his testimony. We pray that he may always stand up for Jesus, willing to do his best at all times. His name is John Nickle, a brother to Willie.

This preacher I speak of believes in prayer, and he goes into homes wherever they invite him; but seems there are but few that want prayer meetings in their homes.

Then I think of the little family that lived in Bethany, a town on the mount of Olives, where Martha, Mary and Lazarus resided (John 11:5). "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus." Read about this dear family. I heard my mother sing a song about them when I was a little girl. This little family that lived in Bethany, two sisters and a brother—composing the family, though poor and without money, their kindness made amends; their house was always open to Jesus and His friends. They lived in peace and blessedness for many lovely years, and stored up rich treasure far beyond this veil of tears. Matt. 6:19—"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth." Verse 20—"But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Verse 21—"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." We can see very plainly why this little family was so happy—because they loved and obeyed God.

We hear so much said about contest, contest, prizes given on most everything you can think of, fighting, dancing, swimming and card playing; no use to try to mention all, but we want to keep this in mind: "Things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." I heard Rev. D. S. Jones take this for a text, and we would do well to keep this in mind (2 Cor. 4:18). Now, the greatest contest, and all that is sure and profitable, is this: "Overcome evil with good."

Dear ones, the testing time will come to us all. I see where they were having a beauty contest and had men for judges; but when the real test is made, God and the angels will be the judges. Read Psalm 149:4, "For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation."

"Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elders, yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to

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A Bible Reading

By Mrs. Lina Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

Dear Editor, Wife, and Gem Readers:

I am so glad I am still on the land and among the living, and have the privilege of worshipping God in the old fashioned way.

On the 22nd of April, a few of our

neighbors gathered at our home and had a prayer and testimony meeting, led by Rev. Cox. The old time power was felt in the hearts of the few that were assembled. Among them was one of our old neighbors here on a

SPRINGDALE, ARK., May 20th.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is some time since there has been a report sent in from Old Mt. Zion church; but we had such a splendid service our last meeting day, that I will just have to tell a little about it.

Bro. J. W. Allred being our pastor, wanted to have a Flower Service. No one seemed to have ever been in a flower service; so when voted on only a few hands went up: but May 10th was the day set for the service, which was Bro. Allred's regular service. He delivered a good message on the "Feast of the Passover." Then at 2:30 o'clock a large crowd met back for the Flower Service. It was a new thing to most of us, but I tell you it sure was a real enjoyable time. But don't forget the real purpose of it. Flowers are tokens of love; and those flowers were given as tokens of love, and the love Christ has for His own. Many tears were shed, as children would pin flowers on parents, and parents would pin them on their children, and some were pinned on unsaved friends. If any of you have never been in a flower service, you should get your pastor and church interested and put one on; but please keep in mind the real purpose. I think Bro. Allred carried off more flowers than any one else.

Then after the flower service we held our Communion service; and the day was well spent in service for the Lord.

Well, the Lord is still blessing us down here. We still have a good Sunday school, with an average of about 60, and a splendid prayer meeting. We have a fine bunch of young people in our community who need Christ, and we need them to help in carrying on our work for the Lord. I am praying for another good revival this fall, and I am sure every one else is too. The church is expecting Bro. Winford Davis to assist Bro. Allred in the revival this time, beginning about the second Sunday in August, or before.

Well, there is lots more I could say, but will close, asking every one to pray for us at Old Mt. Zion.

May the Lord bless every one, is our prayer.

Eld. Bruce Phillips, Reporter.

AURORA, MO., April 30, 1936.
(Came in too late for last issue)

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:
Hello friends! May I have a little

space in our beloved paper to tell you how the Lord has been blessing our Free Will Baptist church in Aurora almost every time we meet.

We are justly proud of our Sunday school under the leadership of our faithful superintendent, Bro. Harlan Barnes. We have an average of from 85 to 90 in Sunday school. Mrs. Frank Ramsey is teacher of the smallest children. These little folks often receive the Largest Attendance banner, with an attendance of 20 to 30.

One of the most important auxiliaries of the church is the League. We have good interest in both the Junior and Senior Leagues. One of our young converts, Bro. Ray Forrester, became so happy he had to shout while praying the other night in the league. Yes Sir! we believe in shouting, don't you? God's Word endorses it. We find in Psalms 7:11, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy."

Our preaching days are the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. Last Sunday was Bro. Davis' appointment here. A baptismal service was held at Verona, Mo. in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fulp, Mrs. Rex Fulp and Ray Forrester were baptized. At the evening service, while Bro. Davis was preaching a wonderful sermon from the text, "Sir, we would see Jesus," found in John 12:21, the Holy Spirit was striving with a young man who had once been a Christian, but for the last five years had lived in sin. Almost before the first line of the invitation song had been sung, without any personal work, this young man made his way to the altar and was gloriously saved.

I know there was rejoicing in Heaven last Sunday night. The folks in Aurora will never forget that service. About ten of the Christian people shouted in this service.

Tonight, as I write this letter, my heart is overflowing with joy as I think how God has blessed us and how so many lives have been influenced by our little church. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Pray for us, that we will always work earnestly for the Master and thus we will be worthy to receive greater blessings from Him.

Clarabelle Roberts, Clerk.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 14, 1936.

Dear Bro. Brown and Gem Readers:

This is my first letter to the Gem, but I hope it misses the waste basket.

I am a member of the Third Free Will Baptist church of St. Louis.

I would like to speak a word for our church and for our good faithful pastor, Eld. W. C. Hill. We all know that Bro. Hill is a real man of God and we all like him. Our church and Sunday school are coming along fine.

Bro. Hill preached a wonderful sermon Mothers' Day, and we had a large crowd. We are going to have a baptizing the last Sunday in this month.

We have young people's League every Tuesday night and it is coming along fine.

Remember us in your prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
James Langley, 1622 Hickory St.

PIERCE CITY, MO., April 30th
(Received too late for last issue)

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Gem Family: Hello everybody.

Since we last wrote to the Gem, we have been having some real old fashioned meetings. We had a wonderful meeting at Blue Eye, Mo., with the Free Will Baptist church there. 2 were saved and the church was wonderfully revived. Bro. Cecil Campbell is the pastor there and a wonderful man of God. We enjoyed being with him and the church. Blue Eye, in my estimation is a great field for our church. We are planning on being there Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night, May 2 and 3.

The people at Blue Eye are ready people to work with, and there are few consecrated people there; they are always a few that you can depend on, and we are sure glad of it, too.

It grieves my heart when I think of so many of our churches that just have meeting once a month. If people were as dilatory about their eating of the natural food as they are of the spiritual food, there would be less fat people in the world. Every Free Will Baptist church needs at least half time. I believe we preachers should teach our people that we need service more regular, and oftener. The Devil has plenty of time to tell up what we have tried to build up in three Sundays of each month that we are not there. There are so many of our people that never darken the church door only when the preacher comes, and that is generally once a month. In fact here are several who claim to be Free Will Baptist but have preacher religion. God bless people who have such shallow religion. Some of us try to pastor three or four churches, when there are enough preachers that every church could

have full time work. I realize that there wouldn't be much money in it for the preachers, but the preacher who is preaching for the money is not fit to preach God's Word.

Listen preachers, to Christ's word: "If any man come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and come after me." Paul says, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Amen.

Our State work money is coming in very slow. We have left envelopes with some of our churches and have failed to receive any money from any of them so far. Don't fail us folk; for we are depending on you.

We are going to try to visit every church before the State meeting this fall, and we would like to have a dollar from every Free Will Baptist member in the state. We are planning to purchase the remainder of the press this fall, are you willing to help? If you are, save a dollar until we get there or send it to Eld. F. C. Zinn, Pierce City, Mo.

We are going to Aurora Friday night, May 1st, to raise money for the state work. We are planning to take pledges to be paid by the time of the State meeting at Macedonia this fall. If you want to pledge from one dollar up, you may send us your name by mail.

Well, for fear I say too much, I will close for this time.

Everybody pray for us, as we need your prayers. —Eld. F. C. Zinn.

PAINTSVILLE, KY., May 1st.

Dear Gem Family and all it may concern: I am sure proud to have the opportunity to give a brief report of our big Johnson Co. Quarterly Meeting held with the Betsy Layne church at Betsy Layne, Ky., beginning on Friday, April 24, 1936. We met a number of the good brethren and sisters.

Meeting opened by singing and was called to order by the clerk, F. S. Vanhooose.

Bro. A. L. Jackson of Shelby, Ky. was elected moderator.

Moderator took charge and called Bro. Walter Tombling of Omar, W. Va. to act as assistant moderator.

Adjourned for preaching by Elder Millard Vanhooose who was duly appointed, to preach the introductory sermon at the last quarterly meeting. Text used, Zech. 13:1, "In that day

there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and uncleanness." Had a wonderful outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Met again at 2:00 p. m. for Ministers' conference. Had a few hot discussions. And I wish some of you good brethren would give me some light on what Paul said in 1 Cor. 3, verses 14 and 15, "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

I don't think he will be saved for heaven, as we are taught in Rev. that we will be judged according to our works.

Met again at 7:00 p. m. and had preaching by Bro. Allen Castle. Had a good meeting.

Preaching Saturday night by Bro. Hurbart of Burdine, Ky. Closed by Bro. Winchel of Jenkins, Ky. Had a good meeting. Adjourn till 2:00 p. m.

Called to order at 2:00 p. m. by the moderator, A. L. Jackson. Delegates and corresponding messengers were seated. Letters were called for and 25 were received. Two new churches were received. The letters showed a large increase in membership. Two brethren asked to be ordained, and two for license to preach the Gospel. \$45.00 was received with the letters. All the business was taken care of in fine shape.

The next Q. M. was voted to go to John's Creek church.

Committee announced Eld. Millard Vanhooose to preach Saturday night, and Elders D. A. Hays and L. C. Calines of Ashland, Ky. Sunday.

Offering was taken for Betsy Layne church, \$85.00 received. Had a regular old time meeting. Two souls were saved at the Sunday morning service, and four were left at the altar. We believe in the old time way, thank the Lord, of staying till the fire falls; praise the Lord!

We want to thank the good people who threw their doors open to us and took care of the conference; may the Lord bless you all.

I will close by saying, Pray for us. Eld. Millard Vanhooose.

NON, OKLAHOMA

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Rev. J. H. Coffman, ..Antlers, Okla.
" J. W. Fulce,Fulsom, Okla.
' Bill Huddleston,Ada, Okla.
" Geo. McLain,Scipio, Tklia.

" Edna Buckelen, Stratford, Okla.
" Vard Wood,
" Louis Wood, ..Stratford, Okla.
" F. M. Wood,Ada, Okla.
" E. Goodman, Oklahoma City, Ok.
" W. E. Lindsay,Ada, Okla.
" W. P. Scott,Calvin, Okla.
" Drew Merchant, Canadian, Okla.
" Arthur, McNight, Stewart, Okla.
" R. E. Hutchinson, Stewart, Okla.
" M. M. McKee,Soper, Okla.

I hope I haven't missed any one. Hope to meet you all again on earth.

Non church was organized in 1908, by Sam Hucklebee. God blessed his labors after he passed on to his great reward, then Rev. Bill West cared for the church for several years, and he too has gone home to Heaven.

Rev. W. E. Lindsay was the next pastor, and is still living. I don't know just how long he pastored at Non. Rev. J. E. Yandell was next, and pastored the church for five years. Then Rev. W. P. Scott pastored the church for one year.

Rev. M. M. McKee has been pastor, will be five years in August. God has blessed each pastor and this church too; and it has stood all these years, and is still alive for God.

The first church building at Non burned down, and the new building was built just a little ways northeast of where the old building stood.

Yours for the cause,

Rev. M. M. McKee, Soper, Okla., R1.

FREDERICKTOWN, MO.

Dear Brother and Sister Brown and Gem Readers: I wish to write again, as I have not written for some time. I enjoy writing to our paper as well as reading it. It is a privilege we have of spreading the Gospel to those we may never meet here, to tell of our work and how God is blessing us.

The 22nd of last month we moved to Fredericktown to be near our work, and God has been blessing us here.

Last Sunday our Sunday school arranged an all day Mothers' Day program out near one of our churches, known as Twin Oak church. We invited all the Sunday schools of our quarterly meeting to have a part in the program, and there were five Sunday schools present: Mine La Motte, Mill Creek, Union Light, Twin Oak and Fredericktown.

After Sunday school, Bro. Mark Leiws, pastor of Leadington church, brought us a wonderful message of love. Subject, "The Two Great Loves, God's Love and Mother's Love," and God seasoned the message with His

Spirit. After this service we had a wonderful dinner, that was enjoyed by every one, and just as we were finishing our dinner, God blessed us with a rain that was much needed. We all started for the church house about a half-mile away for shelter, and nearly everyone felt the effects of the rain, but one of the good brothers of the church started a fire and in a few minutes everybody was happy.

At 1:00 p. m. we were called to order and a number of Mothers' Day songs, readings and talks were rendered and enjoyed, then, as I had been chosen by the committee, I was invited to bring a message for our Floral service. Subject, "Scattering Sunshine," after which every body took part and enjoyed a message with flowers. Oh, how God blessed our hearts! He opened up the windows of Heaven to us, and oh, how I praise Him for the day! I thank Him for the privilege of having my father and mother, and my wife's father and mother with us for the day, that I might be able to give them a little flower as a token of my love for them.

We came home still rejoicing and God blessed us with a good service Sunday night; He is a wonderful God. Then I can say with David of old, "O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth."

—Eld. Wm. Reeves.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., Apr. 26.

Dear Editor and Gem Readers:

I haven't any report for this issue of the paper; but for fear no one else from this part of the country writes, I will write a few words.

Our church at Chanler's Branch is not doing the good it should do. We have Sunday school each Sunday p. m. at 2:30, prayer meeting each Friday night, and preaching on Sunday night by some one of the brethren. Our pastor, C. E. Lee, has been sick for about four months, but is some better and wants to go to the church tonight if the weather permits.

I will give here a short sketch of my life in verse:

When I was a boy about fifteen,
My lost condition I just had seen;
So I went to the Lord in earnest prayer
And He forgave my sins right then
and there.

So you can see I opened my eyes,
Went to the river and was baptized;
I never will forget the time and place,
It was in Mud river at the mouth
of Old Trace.

I never will forget Vester, he was so nice,

He stepped right in and shoved
back the ice.

When Spiers had finished the words,
The prettiest music I most ever heard.

And when I came out, mother, Lily,
and all the folks,

Were singing, "Will the Waters be
chilly?"

So I would go to church and talk and pray,

And enjoy myself in the good old way.

In about two years I felt the call,
To tell of God's love to one and all;
For many reasons I did not start,
But still it pressed heavy on my
poor heart.

I never will forget the time and the seat,

For we were washing each other's feet;

When I put the towel around me and bowed on my knee,

It seemed those words came right straight to me.

"Go ye therefore, into all the world,
And preach my Gospel to every creature,

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
And lo, I am with you even unto the end of the world."

This is just seven of the 40 verses that I have written, but I will close with the words of the poet, by saying, "I need the prayers of those I love, Or I want my friends to pray for me."

—F. E. Nicholas.

PAINTSVILLE, KY., May 15th.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

We sure are enjoying reading the Gem this morning.

On last Sunday, May 10th, we attended our first Sacrament and feet washing service this year, at Maise Creek, Ky. We had a wonderful time, the Savior sure did manifest Himself in the meeting.

Bro. H. B. Conley and myself will leave for Bussville, Ky. where we have been requested to dedicate the Carter Chapel church; we expect a glorious time on May 23, 1936.

—Millard Vanhooose.

THAYER, MO., May 10, 1936.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

Just a short letter to let you know

that I am still in the land of the living. When I read so many good letters from so many different places, it makes me want to write too.

I just thank the Lord this morning for a continuation of His blessings bestowed upon us. There is lots of sickness and several deaths. I attended the funeral of our dear sister in Christ last Sunday. She was a dear friend of mine. I am sending in her obituary.

We desire your prayers, and may God bless and be with you all, and bless Bro. Brown and his wife, and all the Gem family.

—Mrs. M. B. Cockman.

FLAT RIVER, MO., May 26th.

To the Free Will Baptist Gem Family:

This little story of the Free Will Baptist church at Flat River, since your humble servants, by the help of the Lord, the co-operation of the beloved membership of the congregation, the support of the prayers of our friends, have tried to be pastor for this dear people. This little story is written with an earnest prayer that it may be a blessing to some one and help them to go forward. Though things may sometimes not seem so favorable.

The Story

In May, 1930, to the exact Monday following the first Sunday in May, 1930, a group of people, members of the Free Will Baptist church of Flat River, met at 8:00 o'clock, and under the direction of Eld. H. M. McAdams the good pastor, began wrecking the old frame building where they had worshipped so long, it being understood that the old building be replaced with the new glazed tile building that now stands. The work moved rapidly, for the people had a mind to work. The old building was soon moved, then the digging of the basement, which was no little thing, the dirt was soon moved down to the solid rock, and the basement lacked some 16 inches of being deep enough. To finish, some drilling and blasting had to be done. That, of course, did not mean so much to some of these boys at Flat River, since drilling and blasting is an every day thing with them. That was soon done, and the foundation was laid. It may be interesting to know that the Free Will Baptist church at Flat River is built on solid rock. Well, the work went on, and the 1st Sunday in October, 1930, the people worshipped in the new church house for the first time. It was a great day. Then something

else happened. Bro. McAdams had worked hard, and the strain of the work had been a burden, and he felt it best to give up the work; so it had been previously announced that we should take the work. So on the evening of Oct. 14, 1930, we began our work as pastor; and from that time we have tried to lead our people as best we could.

Things were good, men were working full time, and over time, money was plentiful; so the debt that was between twenty-five hundred and three thousand dollars didn't look so big; but then something else happened. The working schedule was cut, wages were cut, and things went on from bad to worse until the men who were working only got six days per month. Then the test began to come: What will we do? We found it rather hard to find encouraging words to offer our people. The first big undertaking was to pay a big bill, nearly five hundred dollars to a lumber company. That, however, came at a time before conditions got to the worst. This was raised by special donations, \$300.00 was raised in ten days. The Lord wonderfully blessed us in the effort. With that and some other open accounts out of the way, we got started on the last big job, to pay \$2,000.00 to the M. and M. Bank, which finally closed its doors. Now, what to do was the question. We owed at that time \$1663.00. By and by the R. F. C. took the note and mortgage, and notified us that our payments had been updated and would be checked closely. Did we pray? Now, this brings us up to Jan., 1935. The Lord put it on my heart to propose a drive to raise a hundred dollars (I would rather omit the next clause), but any way, I made the proposition something like this, We need a hundred dollars; if 19 others will pay \$5.00, I will, and we will make a hundred dollar payment. It was then that I saw the loyalty of my people and their love for the church. They readily responded and we made the payment. My good wife who has stood by me these 18 years, and I pause to thank God for her and her sacrificial life; she was president of our Home Mission circle. We talked about what we could do to help out in the crisis. We had seen a name quilt at one of our State meetings that had brought the church a hundred dollars; so we agreed to propose making a name quilt. We solicited the help of Grandma Miller, the pastor's mother. Grandma agreed to make the quilt top. Then

we submitted it to the mission and asked the church to help us, and they did. One thousand names were sold at ten cents each. The quilt was finished and sold for \$13.50, a total of \$113.50. In addition to all this Sunday school classes have worked, one especially has paid over one hundred dollars. Our children came with pennies, nickles, dimes, etc., and we all worked together.

The last campaign that I shall mention was started in Jan., 1936, while Bro. F. C. Zinn was with us in a meeting. One of my good men mentioned a final drive to pay out of debt. His plan was one that he had talked over with his working partners; it was to secure 50 pledges at \$15.00 each. Bro. Zinn and I prayed over the matter together. We talked to a few of the brethren and found that they were in sympathy with the move; so we began to pray the Lord to help us to submit the proposition to the people in the right way. We were led to set the time for the final payment on May 17th. Well, thank the Lord, on May 18th we made the last payment on the church; now we bow our heads in reverence to God and thank Him for what He has helped us to do in His service.

Brethren, if your job seems big and the way rather dark at times, always remember that with God all things are possible.

Your for greater service,

Jas. F. Miller.

HATCH, NEW MEXICO

Dear Gem Readers:

I have just finished reading the June, 1935 issue of the Gem, the first copy of the Gem I have seen since we came to Hatch nearly two years ago. I realize that we have missed a lot of good instructive reading, but we hope to get the paper from now on.

We have been wondering just how close to Hatch is the nearest Free Will Baptist church. I have met only one Free Will Baptist woman since we came here. But I have found a lot of folks who are starving to hear real Gospel messages, and when you good people come to your State Associations this fall, instead of discussing the immaterial things, such as women preachers, etc., I'm praying that you will discuss ways and means of spreading the Gospel. We don't think so much about the need of this great work being pushed forward so long as we are where we can hear those good old Gospel messages. But when we

stay in this western country for a while and see these modern doctrines pushed to the front; then we can feel the need of the old time Gospel being taught.

Last year one of these modern preachers brought in a chart and tried to prove to the people that he and his followers were the "Light," which was prophesied to shine in the "evening time" (Zech 14:7), and that all Babylon was in darkness (meaning other churches that didn't teach as they did). Such a conglomerated mess I had never heard before. The fact was, he himself was almost in utter darkness: he was not able to "rightly divide the word of truth." He failed to get the New Testament Scripture, which proves that Christ is this light: "He came to his own (Jews) and his own received him not;" so He turned to the Gentiles, and this Light has been shining in the Gentile family for almost two thousand years.

But alas! the Jews, because of their disobedience and the innocent blood which they shed at Jerusalem (Isaiah 59:7; Psa. 94:21-23; Matt. 23:35-39), they as a nation are left in darkness, and will remain so until the "times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24). This is all so plain, that I can't see why those who put themselves out as Bible students should get confused and mislead hundreds of people.

I understand, however, that there are some of our Free Will Baptist ministers who do not accept this doctrine of the Jews being restored, because they think it's "something new." Why new? is the Word of God new? No, but as prophecy unfolds itself, we get a better understanding of God's word. And, as the man of sin rises to the dictatorship of the world (if his plans work well), we see more prophecy unfolding; and as Brother Winford Davis says, "Why is Communism turned loose on our country?" and so many people are swallowing it, hook, line and sinker.

Not so long ago, I attended one of these lectures, not knowing just what it was to be. And to my surprise, it was sugar coated until some of my friends took right in with it. How can we stand by and see Christian people so misled? "Lord, give us more men who are willing to give their best in your service: for the harvest indeed is ripe, but the laborers are few."

One who loves the cause,

Mrs. Metta Black.

REPORT OF OUR MISSIONARY

Rev. T. H. Willey, Missionary to South America.

When we last reported we were at the headquarters of the Gem, the little paper that every Free Will Baptist should have handy, and that not to merely look at, but to read. Our tour of the West was gratifying as a beginning, and that was from one standpoint. Paramountly, many of the churches are doing just what we need as a church, namely, organizing with objective of systematic giving. It is true that the average big church is organized to death and gone to seed on mechanism, but we as a people, swing to the opposite. The factor that gave to the early Methodists their nickname was that they had a method about everything that was undertaken. Schools for their preachers were immediately started, a pension for old preachers, etc. This is the factor that shall make possible a missionary field manned by fundamental men and women, and this shall be more quickly evidenced as it is baptized by prayer and sacrifice.

We have been charged with a lack of interest in those who have never heard the glad news in distant lands. This is a false charge. I have found the Free Will Baptist people everywhere I go an earnest, humble people concerned for the lost world. When we know our responsibility we will execute His will by going, giving and praying. We are inaugurating this missionary column in hope that it shall be the means of keeping our readers informed with notes of interest, for we realize this is our need.

I wish to express my gratitude to the editor for the space for such a cause. Then it is not an effort to say, Thank you all for the very gracious response you gave as we came among you and partook of your hospitality. We shall not soon forget the many expressions of thoughtfulness for the comfort of my little boy and myself.

I have many nice things to say for every church and the people they represent. I think we closed with the report from Macedonia. We went on from there to Blue Eye with a fine church full of folk, and there we witnessed some of that which shall be redeeming future, real sacrificial giving. We were disappointed in that we were unable to show the pictures there. Our next service was at Merl's Chapel. We went over in company

with Bro. Cecil Campbell and wife. That evening a very nice group of earnest folk awaited us. We went home with Bro.



T. H. Willey

Blalock, drank some of his good pure spring water from the old rock ribbed hill, then planned to go on that night with Bro. Johnny Swaffar, but his poor old car tire decided to deflate. My heart goes out to Bro. Johnny Swaffar, a model "T" car. I think that, if the people don't purchase him a new one, Uncle Henry ought to at least do so. We were very grateful for the hospitality of Judge Jefferson. In daylight we made it nicely to Bro. Johnny's home and that night to Jones Chapel and another nice crowd and entertainment in the home of Bro. Campbell's mother and father. Early Sunday morning we headed for Carterville. My heart was delighted as I listened to the earnest prayers of this people and even more so that night as we had the Methodist church full of folk. Bro. McCarty was there, having driven clear over from Kansas. How our hearts did rejoice as we met such warm hearted people deeply interested in the story to tell to the nations without light. We found no connections from Carterville, so Bro. Campbell very graciously took us over to Bro. Winford Davis, then on to our time on KWTO. Our Bro. Davis is laboring very sacrificially on this program and surely needs our prayers and help. There are situations where metallic sympathy means worlds, and this is one.

Our next service was at the Gospel Tabernacle, Springfield, Mo. This was an undenominational work and the contact came as a result of Bro. Davis' very broad field of friendships. It was a real joy to minister there to those dear people. We are sure many will place us on their prayer list as a result of this contact. From Springfield we went to Neola and stayed in the home of our dear Sister Nannie Martin. I read her father's old yellow threadbare Discipline of the early Free Baptists. Next appointment was at Hickory Grove with a good response. Then on to Union Third Fork, going through

Kansas City to St. Joseph, and were met by Bro. Turner. This is a commodious building with one of the most beautiful cemeteries I have ever seen. Saturday night we had a fine crowd, with much interest in the service. For the morrow, the plan was to have dinner on the grounds, and I have no doubt if it had remained clear, we would have had a bumper crowd, but it rained about all night, and the following morning I was initiated and found out what Western mud really is like. Feeling that it would be very unwise to fill my remaining two appointments, as I was informed that the roads up around Santa Rosa were even more steep than those at Third Fork, I headed homeward, riding two nights and two days to reach home for a little rest of two days and onward I go, happy in the Lord, to a revival in my home town.

I must mention in closing, the loyalty with which the program was received at Third Fork. We had a small group, but they were a happy group like one great family. We partook of an excellent dinner and in the afternoon meeting they gave us a nice offering and a pledge for the coming year.

On the date of the 22nd we shall start out itinerating in the Northeast of Missouri with Bro. Noel Turner, then on to the Southeast. We are looking forward courageously to the days ahead for great victory. Consult the Gem for the dates covering our coming tour and plan to be with us each night.

BLUE EYE, MISSOURI

Dear Gem Readers:

Just a few lines to report our mission work. I am thanking God, that we as a little mission band are still working for the cause of Christ.

Our membership is growing, and the attendance is better, with a number of visitors at each meeting.

We have five quilts completed and two more ready to quilt.

Our programme committee is planning a special number for each meeting.

Number of Bible chapters read, 150; number of sick calls made, 143; presented flowers to the sick and prayed in a number of homes.

We have our business meetings at the church the first and third Saturdays of each month.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we will always be ready to work in the service of the Lord.

Artie Butler, Reporter

A BIBLE READING*Continued from page three*

the humble." Oh, the great contest between good and evil; to obey is better than sacrifice." It seems that the world has gone crazy about games of all kinds; money spent, time lost, all for no profit.

Mark 8:35-37—"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall save it. For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

1 Cor. 9:23—"And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker with you." Verse 22—"That I might by all means save some." This is the Apostle Paul talking, "Know ye not that they which run in a race, run all; but one receiveth the prize, So run that ye may obtain" (v. 24). The world is running these races to obtain a corruptible crown, or prize, but the children of God an incorruptible crown, that fadeth not away.

Paul said (Phil. 3:14), "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Verse 17—"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an example. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ)."

Read 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. Paul solemnly charged Timothy, saying, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing."

Then read Heb. 12:1,2—"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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 set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Those worldly games are for the almighty dollar, a silver cup, a medal of some kind, sometimes an eye out, or broken bones, and no real good accomplished, but all perish with the getting. I am so tired of hearing people say, No harm, justifying sin.

Some ministers say Jesus had games to play and went to school just like other little boys. Shame! shame!! No one like Jesus; and I will say, If everybody was working for the crown, the church houses would be filled, and our pastors would be cared for, and our little church paper would be in every Free Will Baptist home; oh, what a change it would make. "Feed the flock of God which is among you, and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." So you see we have no time for foolishness, and worldly games: "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of life; but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels . . . To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne. . . . He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

This is the game that all Christians are at work for, and He tells us plainly what our reward will be, if we can take the test. He said, "Not every one that sayeth Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

Oh; it will pay to forsake the world and all its pleasures, and cling to God's unchanging hand. I think of a song just now that I heard my mother sing when I was a little girl: "You may have all this world but give me Jesus."

Dear ones, pardon me for staying so long; I do love to talk about heaven and divine things. Pray for me, for I do need your prayers. I still contend for the old time religion, as ever.

FLAT RIVER, MO., May 26th.

Dear Gem Readers, Especially Mission Workers: Just a few lines from our Flat River Mission workers, to let you know that we are still busy, working for the Master.

The following is a brief report of our work:

From May 16, 1935 to May 14, 1936, thirty meetings were held, not including the times we served lunch at the school, \$119.63 was received for the year's work. Received \$58.01 for serving school lunches, the remainder was received by doing various kinds of work, such as quilting, making quilts, pillow cases, aprons, etc.

\$98.52 was paid out in different ways, where we felt that it was most needed. We have a balance on hand of \$21.11. We also handed our State Sec.-Treas. \$5.75, 10% of dues collected since our State meeting in October.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed us, and we are real proud of our report, as we are so few in number.

I trust the other Mission circles have been busy, and that we will all have good reports to our State meeting this fall. And don't forget to send in your 10% for state work. I feel that our major organizations are going to have to move forward before our local organizations will get very far; and we Mission ladies can help them to move. Come on, let's go. If you haven't anything to send the state yet, perhaps you could make some kind of special effort to raise some funds.

I often think of our Mission workers over the state, especially the ones at New Harmony. I shall never forget how good and kind they were to us while we were there. I pray God's richest blessings to rest on each of them.

Yours for a greater work,

Eunice A. Miller.

DAVIDSON ARKANSAS*(Report of Christian Union Church)*

Dear Readers of the Gem:

It has been a long time since we have reported to you the many blessings that God has bestowed upon our little church at Davidson, Arkansas. I know we receive blessings from praising God, and I think it would be a way of praising God for the many ways He has blessed us by reporting this to our little paper where the many earnest readers might hear more of the outpouring of God's Spirit.

The pastor, Eld. Glenn Dipboye, of Van Buren, Ark. filled his regular appointment the 3rd Sunday of this month. His text Saturday night was taken from Prov. 15:8, "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination unto God: but the prayers of the upright is his delight." We had a wonderful time in the Lord. Conference was held following the service, and before dismissal, we come together in an old time handshake.

We all gathered back for the eleven o'clock service Sunday morning. A large crowd attended and a number of old veterans of the Cross were present, and some who were undergoing great trials and persecutions, and others who were suffering physical afflictions, and as suitable for the occasion, Bro. Dipboye chose his text from 2 Cor. 12:9, 10, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ

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Tri-Unit-Man

(1 Thess. 5:23)

By John B. Rollins, Purdy, Missouri

The Greek and Latin word *tri* means "three," and the Latin word *unus* is "one." This gives us the English combination of "tri-unit" or three-in-one. Man is a three-in-one being composed of Spirit, Soul, and Body. The fact that man has a body is indisputable, but when explaining and discriminating between the other two principles of man, one must delve into the depths of Divine Wisdom. God knows the inward principles of man, and God's Word is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit (Heb. 4:13). By this proof-text it is also plainly evident that the inner principles of man are divisible into two.

By common usage, the terms "Spirit" and "Soul" are employed interchangeably to express one entire inner principle, that is, the spiritual nature. This cannot be correctly done without the use of associating terms, for example, the spirit and the rational immortal soul are identical; but in the strictness of the prime derivatives of the language of the Bible, there is a vast difference between spirit and soul.

In the strictness of the Hebrew idiom, the word for soul is NEPHESH, meaning simply "a breathing creature." In this sense, the animal has soul. God formed man's body out of dust, then He breathed into that form, and man became a living breathing creature (Gen. 2:7). The whole animal kingdom is called living creatures (Gen. 1:21, 24), which is translated from NEPHESH-SOUL. The second derivative for Nephesh is "vitality," but since plants have vitality, that of the animal is distinctive from that of plants by the fact that it has conscious life—as a self-conscious, world-conscious being. Nephesh is also used very widely in a literal, accommodated, and figurative sense (bodily or mental): appetite, beast, body (some-body, every-body), self, breath, creature, desire, ghost, heart, mind, mortal, lust, will; it is used of the affections—love, hope, fear, adore, imagine, resolve, hate, compare, etc. By these qualities and possessions, the animal and the "animal part of man" are the same.

The Greek word for soul is PSUCHE which denotes breath. Abstractly or concretely it is the animal sentient principle only. It is sometimes used in a broad sense by implication as "spirit," but only when conceived as apart from matter or form. A good example is found in the Hebrew, "The spirit of the beast (at death when relationship with the body is severed) goeth downward" (Ecc. 3:21). But there is great distinction between

PSUCHE, the animal creature and PSUCHE, the rational immortal soul, since the latter in its strict primary sense is really PNEUMA, the Greek word for spirit.

Delitzsch, in "Biblical Psychology," states, "Nephesh (soul) indicates the person of man, but not the man as a person. It is not the person living, but the self-living (the individual). The animal is Nephesh as a self-living nature by the power of the Spirit which proceeds from God, but that spirit constitutes the soul of the brute. Man is Nephesh as a self-living nature by the power of the Spirit which proceeds from God, and is in the form of God and is personal, and the oper-



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ation of which Spirit is his endowment with soul."

Another philosopher (German), states, "The soul is the internal, central unity of the functions of natural life. It is related to the body as form is to matter. It can as little exist without body as form can exist without soul; both develop and evolve each other. The soul permeates the entire body; is omnipresent in every molecule of it."

Psychologists contend, with success, that the soul, as a self-conscious and world conscious principle, is merely "states of consciousness," and is known. This automatically implies that there is, and must be, an underlying principle that is higher than the soul, and is conscious, and it knows. Before going farther with this thought we wish to classify the "states of consciousness" which are known and are soulal.

1. The Material Me—A state of consciousness that recognizes the presence of the body, the clothes,

parents, family, wife, home, etc.

2. The Social Me—States of consciousness that include a desire to please, be noticed, admired, love, pursuit of honor, ambition, etc.

3. The Spiritual Me—A state of consciousness of the process of thought. The more active feeling states of consciousness are the more central portions of the Social Me, that is, our emotions and desires are more intimate than our capacity for sensation. This shows that some ingredients of the Spiritual Me are more external than others. The very core and nucleus of ourselves, the very sanctuary of our lives is the sense of activity which certain inner states possess. This sense of activity is often held to be a direct revelation of the living substance of our soul.

—James Psychology.

..The fundamental principle in Psychology concerning the soul is that consciousness of some sort goes on. "States of mind" succeed each other in man. We cannot say it thinks. We must simply say "Thought goes on." There is a higher permanent substance or agent, and this agent is our true Ego and it is conscious and is the producer of thought, that is, it thinks and it is the Knower. According to 1 Cor. 2:8-12, this Knower is the spirit that is in man, and is in the image of God; it is as immortal as God, and is rational, which places man in a pre-eminent position above the beast. This Knower (spirit) knows the Known (soul), that is, the Knower is conscious and the Known or "states of consciousness" are the things it is conscious of. The soul is the combining medium between the "God part" and the "earth part" of man. The spirit is the real thinker, the intellect, the rational being, while the soul is its instrument.

The word spirit is the Hebrew word RUWACH which means wind; by resemblance, breath, figuratively, it is life-spirit, but only of a rational being.

The Greek word for spirit is PNEUMA, which means a current of air, i. e. breath. By analysis or figuratively, it is spirit, i. e. human, rational, immortal, vital principle. Also super human, holy angels, angel demon, or Divine God.

In the last analysis, the soul is mortal, but it aspires after immortality, for what animal is it, or what man, in his normal, but what had rather stay alive on the earth?

"The spirit is something higher than the soul. In the spirit is the unity of our being, our true Ego. The soul is but an element in its service. At death the soul passes away, the spirit ripens into a new existence."—Lotze.

The animal has soul but no spirit. Man has soul endowed with spirit. The soul of the animal is given power of animation by a spirit that proceeds from God and when that animating power is withdrawn, the soul, void of sustaining power, passes away. That animating power returns to God who gave it (Eccl. 12:7); consequently,

not a sparrow falls to the ground without God knowing it (Matt. 10:29; Luke 12:6).

The spirit that is in man is a part

of man, it is immortal, and in the form of God; therefore, at death, man's spirit passes into a new state of existence. —J. B. Rollins.

STANDING BY

By Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

"... ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints", (Jude 3)

With this text is carried the thot of defense. Today we have a lot of by standers; but few who really stand by. To prove our loyalty we must stand our ground when the battle is hot. No man ever made himself a hero of war in time of peace. any one can be loyal in peace time; but it takes courage to be true to one's country when the nations clash. So it is in this Christian life. Any one can be a Christian when things are moving smoothly; but it takes grace in the heart and life to stand by in defense of the faith when Satan is waging such a warfare on the people of God is he is doing today.

In Proverbs 22:28, we find this language, "Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." This Scripture corresponds with our text. The Apostle Paul made it plain that in the last days there would be a great falling away; and we surely are living in the midst of the fulfilling of that Scripture. Entire churches and denominations, as well as individuals, are leaving the faith. On one occasion after Jesus had spoken some words concerning the eating of his flesh and drinking his blood, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" and a great number of them went away and ceased to follow him. And Jesus turned to the apostles and said, "Will ye also go away?" And Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" A lot of people are willing to follow Christ until the way gets hard; but in times of persecution, they fall away. I would ask you the same question today: If you leave the Lord, to whom would you go? God is asking us the same question today, no doubt: "Will ye also go away?"

I wonder what some of the early church fathers and defenders of the faith would think, should they suddenly come to life and see how far the church has drifted from the prin-

ciples for which they stood. The church in so many instances has become so different from the pattern laid down in the closing verses of Acts 2. Those early church builders who gave their life blood in defense of this precious cause, when they fell and their white souls ascended to



Winford Davis

*"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be it yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die;
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow
In Flanders field."*

What do you suppose those dear boys would think, who gave their blood to make the world safe for democracy, should they awake and find democracy so miserably failing? Yes, even in their own country. I wonder what would be the feelings of Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, Franklin, and those early defenders who framed the Constitution, etc., should they know the godless carryings on of today? Our National Slogan today for both the church and the state should be, "Back to God and the Bible:" for therein lies our only hope. We need to come down to earth, we need to humble ourselves, we need to confess our sins both national and local, we need to acknowledge God and believe on Him and His Son. Unless we do these things, the same pitiful plight awaits us as has been historically true of all nations that have forgotten God. May we earnestly contend for the faith of our fathers!

Christ, dropped the torch, Elijah like, and expected us to pick it up and hold it high, that the world might continue to see their way out of the darkness of sin's night. Are we going to fail them?

Makes me think of this verse of poetry:

*"Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be it yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die;
We shall not sleep, tho poppies grow
In Flanders field."*

What do you suppose those dear boys would think, who gave their blood to make the world safe for democracy, should they awake and find democracy so miserably failing? Yes, even in their own country. I wonder what would be the feelings of Lincoln, Jefferson, Washington, Franklin, and those early defenders who framed the Constitution, etc., should they know the godless carryings on of today? Our National Slogan today for both the church and the state should be, "Back to God and the Bible:" for therein lies our only hope. We need to come down to earth, we need to humble ourselves, we need to confess our sins both national and local, we need to acknowledge God and believe on Him and His Son. Unless we do these things, the same pitiful plight awaits us as has been historically true of all nations that have forgotten God. May we earnestly contend for the faith of our fathers!

many, no doubt, good Christian folk who have been guilty of speaking these words. Let me say to them, Every effort that is put forth for the Lord, regardless of how great or how small, if it is in the spirit of trying to help forward Christianity and to glorify God, you will be rewarded for it and it helps to bring about the success for our Lord that all should be interested in. Some say, "If I could do as Brother or Sister So and So, I wouldn't care to take hold and help." Listen, did you ever stop to think that this world we live in is a big one, and



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is filled with millions and millions of people, all differing in characteristics, and that there is a reason for it? God was great enough to take under consideration when He placed humanity on earth. If there were two people placed here alike in disposition, in ability, temperament, and in every respect alike; there would be no need for one of them; for the one could fill the mission; so they have been placed here with different mechanisms.

It has, no doubt, been said of two laborers in the church work, that they are talented just alike; but after all, there can be found a difference in some way. There is no need for two people, just alike, to be in one church at the same time.

Let us think of the old adage which says:

*"If all our church members were
just like me,
What kind of a church would my
church be?"*

WHAT WOULD HE SAY?

If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans however fair
In which my Savior has no share,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find my love so cold,
My faith so very weak and dim
I had not even looked for Him,
What would He say?

If He should come today
And find I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend,
What would He say?

If He should come today
Would I be glad—quite glad?
Remembering He had died for all
And none, through me, had heard
His call,
What would I say? —Selected.

"YOU"

By Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.

"You cannot spell success without U.
"You cannot spell church without U.
"Neither can your church be a success without you.
"Strange isn't it, you are so important?" —Selected.

These few words were handed me the other day, and, as I read them,

I thought of the truth they contain. It brings the thought of our individual position down before us.

We hear so many say, "What little I could do for the church work is so little, I just wont try to help. Any one else can beat me; so I'll just not bother." Yes, there have been so

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may be upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." Bro. Diphoye was followed by a young Bro. who had been licensed only a month, but he was endowed with power from on high. After the message we again came together in a handshake, and the old forgot their many years of persecutions and afflictions, became babes in Christ and had a wonderful feast from the milk of the word, and both old and young shouted praises unto the most high God. There were many tears of joy and shouts of praise in the name of Jesus Christ.

My husband and I live at Wister, Okla., and had to return Sunday p. m. but a good service was reported for Sunday night. We live quite a ways from the church, but try to be present every pastoral appointment, and sometimes oftener, as it used to be our old home, and we have many relatives and friends there, and feel it our duty to remain members of the church. The church is growing, and new members are being added. We have licensed one young man, and expect to license another at next appointment.

The pastor who has pastored our church the past two years, with others, suggested that I make this report, and before closing I want to express my appreciation for the good testimonies and sermons I have read from our little paper. It brings us together in a little family, for which we praise our blessed Savior.

May God bless you all until we meet next month with our little paper.
Mrs. Lillian Carlton, Wister, Okla.

SEYMOUR, MO., May 22, 1936.

Dear Editor and Gem Family:

This is my first letter. I have long thought of writing, but I am so nervous, and my health is so poor, that I have neglected to do so. But no one knows how I enjoy reading the good letters and articles by our dear sisters and brothers in Christ. And, Aunt Lina Claxton, I always look for your letter, and generally have to take a cry when I read it. May God bless your work, it is so encouraging to a real Christian person. The real old time religion has never changed: if we have it, we have the same kind our forefathers had. I do bless the name of Jesus, and I want every Christian that reads this to pray for me, that I may be able to stand the trials of this life.

Dear ones, there are just two ways, the right and the wrong, and we are living the one or the other. Our influence each day is for good or bad.

Bro. and Sister George, I enjoy reading your letters in the Gem, and I pray we all may so live, that we will all meet in heaven.

Dear Mrs. Royster, you have my

heart's sympathy, and all the rest that have met with death and trials and trouble in their homes.

And a few words to you who have your good health; how we ought to use it to the glory of God. Many do not have the privilege of going regularly to church, myself for one, I have not been off the place since on Saturday before Christmas, but I am thankful that I can be up most of the time. I want so much to live a Christian life before my children. Help me pray for my dear boys, that they may give their hearts and lives to God before it is too late.

Now, dear Christian brothers and sisters, I want to ask you who believe in prayer for the sick, to earnestly pray for me, that if it is the Lord's will to let me get well, and if not His will, pray that I may be patient to the end. May each of us be ever ready to encourage any that might be drifting away from Christ, or any that have spent their days suffering in this life: good words and treatment cost nothing.

With love to you all,

Mrs. O. L. Claxton.

BOWNEMONT, W. VA., May 11.

Dear Readers of the Gem:

This is my second letter to the Gem. I am wondering if you would give me space for one who likes to read the Gem. When I read the good letters from Aunt Lina Claxton, it stirs my soul.

We have a good Sunday school. Bro. J. E. Nicholas is superintendent, and is a good one too. All that know him, love him.

Bro. C. E. Lee is our pastor.

Pray for us and our church.

Mrs. Eulah Nicholas.

P. S. I am sending a song, "I Have Wandered Alone," composed by Bro. J. E. Nicholas.

Tune; When You and I Were Young, Maggie.

I have wandered alone in this world,
Mother,

Since Jesus came and took you away,
But I know I will meet you again,
Mother,

In the morning of the last great day.

For I know He is coming after me,
Mother,

When the trials of this life are all done,
And take me away to that place,
Mother,

There to be with Father and you at home.

I want to be ready to go, Mother,
For we know not the day nor the hour,
When Jesus will come back to earth,
Mother,

To raise all the saints with His power.

The graves of the saints He will break,
Mother,

The dead then in Christ will arise,
And then we'll be changed like He said,
Mother,

And meet all the saints in the skies.

STATISTICIANS

REMEMBER, That the month of July is the month in which statistical reports are to be made by each Free Will Baptist church in the State of Missouri and sent to the statistician of your Association, who will report the statistics of the Association to our State Statistician, Miss Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo. The blanks will be prepared and sent out about July first. If you receive a blank, we hope you will do your best to fill it out in full, for we desire a complete statistical report at our State Association when it meets in October.

PAY BUDGET IN JULY

July is the month in which every Free Will Baptist belonging to the Missouri State Association should pay at least ten cents as Budget money for 1936.

Each pastor should see that every member of his church or churches pays this 10 cents per member.

Half of the money goes to the State Association, and half to your home Association. Let's see how near we can come to having every church paying a FULL BUDGET this year. Don't wait: act now.

ABOUT THE PHOTOS

The ten pictures of ministers which appear on the front page of this issue is only a very small number when compared to the whole number of our ministers. But we hope that others will provide cuts as these have done: for it will not only help the Gem, but will help us to become better and more intimately acquainted with each other.

Any minister or writer to the Gem may have his or her picture printed in the Gem, with his or her article or otherwise, by having a cut made from a well finished photograph, or by sending us the photograph with \$3.00 to pay the engraver for making the cut. These are copper halftones and cost \$3.00 each. We will be glad to have the cut made and print the picture in the Gem.

Good pictures in the paper improve its appearance and increase interest in the articles with which they are printed. Then all your friends would appreciate seeing your picture in the paper and it will help to form new acquaintances and friendships. There are many whom we know through correspondence and their contributions to the Gem; but we have never seen them, and may never see them face to face. I am sure their pictures would be appreciated: for we want to know them better.

OBITUARIES

Robertson—Mrs. Bertha Robertson, aged 55 years, passed away Monday, May 4th, 1936, at 1322½ West Twentieth St., Tulsa, Okla.

Mrs. Robertson was converted at an early age and united with the Free Will Baptist church of which she remained a faithful member until death. She leaves to mourn her departure two sons, Emmitt and Lee Harder, both of Tulsa, Okla., one step-son, Loren Robertson of Van, Texas, one step-daughter, Mrs. Katie Trobough of Thayer, Mo., one brother, John Maudin of Bartley, Mo., two sisters, Mrs. Zeb Farris of Alton, Mo. and Mrs. Pearl Guill of Mansfield, Ohio, and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon, May 7th, at the Two Mile cemetery, Rev F. L. Hanks officiating. Leo Carr, Funeral Director.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Risner—Mrs. Joe Risner, daughter of William and Sarah Hopper, born in Dent County, Mo., Nov. 23, 1866 and died in Tulsa, Okla. May 9, 1936, age 69 years, five months and 16 days.

She moved to Oregon County with her parents when a child and lived on a farm near Clifton until 13 years ago when she moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma.

She was married to Joe F. Risner Dec. 18, 1881. To this union were born three children, Mrs. Nola Mirts, Ed Risner and Mrs. Carson Wilson, all of Tulsa, Okla. and seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, four sisters and six brothers, survived by one brother, George Hopper of McNiel, Arkansas.

She was converted early in life, joined the Free Will Baptist church and lived a faithful Christian life, serving and helping others until the end.

Antwine—Lillie Bell Antwine was born Jan. 19, 1900, and departed this life April 30, 1936, at the age of 36 years, three months and 19 days.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Jess Antwine July 7, 1918, at Atlas, Okla.

She was converted at Atlas in 1920 and united with the Missionary Baptist church, and later uniting with the Free Will Baptist church at Nelson, Okla., and lived a devoted Christian life till death came.

Besides her husband she leaves her aged mother, Mrs. Dora Isabel Harris; five brothers, Joe of Livemore, Iowa; Charley of Soper; Jim and Guy of Antlers, and Fred of Nelson; two sisters, Mrs. Nell Robinson of Lindsay, Calif., and Mrs. Sadie Antwine of Soper. She also leaves an adopted son, James Wayne, age five years. Wayne was adopted into their home three years ago by Jess and Lillie Antwine. She leaves a great host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Truly it can be said of Lillie, She was a good Christian woman.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. M. McKee at three o'clock, April 30th, at Nelson church. The body was tenderly laid to rest in the Sugar Creek cemetery at five o'clock.

Funeral arrangements were in charge of Woodruff-Jones Funeral Home of Antlers.

Owens—Sarah Elizabeth Housley was born Jan. 20, 1886, and departed this life May 23, 1936, being 52 years four months and three days old.

She was united in marriage to George Owens May 8, 1898. To this union was born five children, two having preceded her in infancy.

She was converted to the Christian faith at about the age of 32 years. She was baptized and united with the Oak Grove Free Will Baptist church and remained a faithful member until death.

She became a victim of nervousness and had been an invalid for the past 28 years. She bore her suffering and distress with untiring patience, thereby ministering to the needs of her family by speaking kind and encouraging words to her children, as well as her true and devoted husband.

Sister Owens was one of those cheerful persons who always looked upon the sunny side of life and tried to face the darker

spots in life with a will of determination to go on through this life and make the best of whatever was available. She always helped her friends who visited her by speaking to them sweet and beautiful words of comfort.

She leaves to mourn her passing a devoted husband, one son, Otis Owens, two daughters, Iva Raney and Sylvia Smith, all of the home address, five grandchildren, one brother, George Housley of Manford, Okla., one half-brother, Alfred Housley of Wyo., two half-sisters, Ethel Babb of Fremont, Nebr., and Nettie White of Kansas City, and an enormous host of relatives and friends.

Mother's work on earth is ended,

Her smiles no more we'll see;

But if we all live close to God,

Together again we will be.

I can see her as an angel,

In that blessed home above,

Where there'll be no more sorrows,

As all will be peace and love.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, May 24th, at the Oak Grove church by Rev. D. Selph Jones, assisted by Rev. Homer Smith.

Jonas—Mr. William S. Jonas was born in Arkansas January 6, 1857, and departed this life May 1, 1936, at the age of 79 years, three months and 25 days.

At the age of six years he moved to Tennessee with his parents. His father and mother were both taken away while he was quite young. At the age of 19 years, he went to Texas.

He was married to Miss Annie Smith April 14, 1886. To this union nine children were born, seven girls and two boys. Two died in infancy, the others were: George Jonas of Ponca City, Okla., Lewis Jonas and Mrs. Cordelia Lanfair of Harrison, Ark., Mrs. Mae Singleton of Lincoln, Ill., Mrs. Emma Rozzell and Mrs. Ruth Smith of Alma, Okla., Mrs. Alice Spurgin of Loco, Okla.

He leaves also his widow, Mrs. Annie Jonas. They made their home with Alice Spurgin.

Bro. Jonas was converted at an early age and joined the Methodist church, a few years later he joined the Free Will Baptist, and lived a devoted life all the time.

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He was elected deacon of Caddo church in 1934.

He leaves 21 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Our Savior called,

He knows what is best;

He has taken our father

Home to rest.

He has gone to that bright home to stay;

Thank God we'll meet him face to face some day,

Where we shall part no more,

On heaven's beautiful shore.

He lived in the Caddo community for almost 20 years.

He was a devoted husband and father, and was loved by all who knew him.

He was laid to rest in the Dixie cemetery Sunday, May third.

Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Emma Rozzell.

IN MEMORY of a dear uncle who passed away one year ago today May 3, 1935.

He's in Heaven with the angels,

With dear Jesus on the throne,

All his troubles now are over,

All his suffering, too, is gone.

While on earth he suffered agonies,

Seemed that he just longed to die;

And one night he got so happy,

But of course we knew not why.

I think he knew, while we did not,

That his life on earth was short;

And he just seemed so near to God,

He rejoiced with all his heart.

Then came a morning of great sadness.

Nurse and doctor did their best,

Long toward evening life was over,

Jesus called him home to rest.

We should be thankful he's rejoicing,

Free from sorrow and all care,

But to think of home without him,

It seems more than we can bear.

We do miss him in the churches,

In his home, when we go there,

But not like his wife and children;

Home to them is sad and drear.

We must live a life so holy,

That when our time comes to cross over,

We shall meet him in Heaven,

On the happy golden shore.

Written by a niece,

Norma Lawler, Hartville, Mo.

CHURCH DEFINED

By Eld. P. H. Coffman, Denison, Tex.

I mean by the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, as we have them in the original, together with all unbiased translations.

I mean by the word teach, to impart knowledge.

I mean by church, a body of men and women incorporated, worshipping God, in the faith and fellowship of Jesus Christ.

I mean by body, a visible, tangible organization, having Christ as its head, observing His laws as contained in the New Testament.

I mean by establish, to fix permanently.

I mean by personal ministry, while Christ lived on earth and taught His doctrine.

I do not use the word church in its metaphysical or mystical sense, but in the primary scriptural sense only.

Paul said in Gal. 1:13, "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it."

Wasted—Diminished (Acts 8:3).

Saul made havoc of the church.

Havoc—Synonym, wasted.

A syllogism: Major primus—Paul wasted the church. Minor P., when Saul wasted the church he made havoc of the church (Acts 8:3).

Then the conclusion, to waste the church is to make havoc of the church; but when Saul made havoc of the church, he bound men and women and cast them into prison; therefore men and women constituted the church. Jesus said (Matt. 18:15-17), "Tell it to the church," not to some metaphysical something, but to the church. The scripturalness of the definition.

Church of God at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:1, 2; Gal. 1:2), "And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia."

"And when they were come and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, when this came to the ears of the church which was at Jerusalem."

"I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words; and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church" (3 John, verses 9 and 10).

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

House of God—1 Tim. 3:15.

Flock of God—Acts 20:28.

Church of God—Acts 20:28.

This proposition will be proved by prophecy, facts, scriptural history.

Prophecy of B. C. 760 (Isa. 2:2).

Established, exalted, and all nations flow unto it.

Verse 3—"Many people shall go and say, Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." When? In the last days. Up until John (Gen. 49:1-10; Luke 16:16; Heb. 1:12).

Material prepared (Isa. 40:3): "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

Mark 1:2—"As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

Luke 1:76, 77—"And thou child, shalt be called the prophet of the highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way: to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins." What did John do? Prepared a people for the Lord. How? Gave them the knowledge of salvation by the remission of their sins (John 1:13). Therefore the material was prepared.

Now the foundation (Isa. 28:14-18): A tried Stone.

1 Tim. 3:16—God manifested in the flesh; tried precedes justification: "Justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Manifested in the flesh—John 1:1-14; Heb. 12:13; 1 Peter 1:23.

Tried—Matt. 4:1-10.

Seen of angels—Matt. 4:11.

Preached unto Gentiles—Matt. 4:14; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet (Isa. 9:1, 2), saying, "The land for Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

Believed on in the world (John 17:8): "And they have believed that thou didst send me."

"John 6:69—"And we believe and are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Received up into glory—Acts 1:11; Isa. 2:2; Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:13. Isaiah 2:2—Established the church. Mark 3:14—Ordained the twelve. 1 Cor. 12:28—Set in the church.

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2—"Feed the flock of God, which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by

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A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO LEAGUERS

By O. T. Allred, State Sec'y

Hebrews 6:12 admonishes us to not be slothful, but followers of them, who through faith and patience, inherit the promises. We should not be less faithful to our league than we would expect the pastor of the church or the superintendent of the Sunday school to be to their work. We would count a preacher slothful who, through carelessness or indifference, would come to church thirty minutes late when he was to preach at a certain hour, or when he did arrive, had made no preparation for the message he was to deliver. So, in the light of this Scripture, let us think how it looks in the sight of God when we have a part on the League program and we come in when league about half over, then haven't studied our part, nor prayed that God would direct us in rendering the same. If we are patient and faithful in our league work we not only receive a blessing now, but we are cultivating traits of character that will be a blessing to us all through life.

Be sure to get your Bible and read the text, then follow its teaching, and our league will continue to grow and prosper in God's work.

Yours for the advancement of the cause.

STAHL, MISSOURI, April 29, 1936.

Dear League Workers:

I am glad to report that we still

have two leagues on fire for God. Two churches want leagues organized soon. So we feel that our league is on the upward path to God's almighty kingdom, and we give God the praise.

We have held two quarterly meetings since I last reported to the Gem. At each meeting a special program was given by leagues and missions in the afternoon. The days are spent in singing, praying and worshipping our Lord. Our meetings begin on Friday night. Saturday is Ministers' conference day, and it is also fasting day for all who attend.

In our leagues we have an attendance of 45. Our next meeting will be held with Hazel Creek Union church. We are praying that at our next meeting the two new leagues will be organized and on fire for God. We will then go forward with a greater number, and also a greater determination to press forward in the battle for our Master.

Pray for us.

Ruby Lawson, Sec'y.

REPORT OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

Tuesday night, April 21, 1936, the Free Will Baptist Leagues of S. E. Missouri met with the Free Will Baptist church of Fredericktown, Mo., it being the sixth annual meeting and the 27th business session, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Called to order by the president, Sylvia Wood.

PROGRAM

Song "Leaning On Jesus."
congregation
Scripture Reading, Eld. Wm. Reeves
Prayer Eld. J. F. Miller
Theme Song, "It's a Good Thing to Be a Leaguer."
Welcome Address .. Ruth Roseberry
Response Damon Dodd
Number Desloge League
Topic—"Fellowship in League Work."
Discussion by Blanch Rogers,
Mrs. Raymond La Brot and
Bro. Alvin Halbrook.
Number Mine La Motte League
Song Flat River Male Quartet
Reading Octa Mae Whitledge
Number Leadington League
Topic—"Learning to Do My Part."
Discussion by Joe Dueese,
Albert Halbrook, J. F. Miller.
Bible Drill Desloge Juniors
Song Wortham League
Song Flat River League

Enrollment

Leadington 12
Wortham 12
St. Louis 0

Flat River 18
Mine La Motte 17
Desloge 12
Fredericktown 29
Visitors 48
Total Enrollment 148

Business

Minutes read and approved.

The contest was taken care of, Flat River and Desloge being the only two having a 100% League, and to obtain a blue ribbon.

Offering \$1.70

Election of Officers

President Sylvia Wood
Vice President Chas Lund
Sec'y-Treas. Damon Dodd

Executive Board

Ben Dees elected for term of 3 years. Voted that Topic Committee serve its term, to July 21, 1936, then to elect new members.

Voted to eliminate Blue Ribbon contest and try something new to work up an interest in the leagues.

Interest Committee

Mark Lewis Leadington
Anthony Burcham Flat River
Mrs. Hughes Wortham
Anna Reed Desloge
Mrs. Earl Rogers Mine La Motte
Voted to hold next association at Mine La Motte, July 21, 1936.
Number ... Lindell and Glen Rogers
Number Fredericktown League
Benediction.

Raymond La Brot, Sec'y-Treas.

CUSHING, OKLAHOMA

Our Young People's Rally was held May 3rd, at Silver City.

Sister Alice Disney brought us a wonderful message on "Love." Bro. Paul Pursell concluded.

At 2:30 o'clock we came together by singing. The following churches represented: Cushing, 10; Vance Chapel, 12; Drumright, 21; Silver City, 32; Olive, 10; Wewoka, one; Jennings, Substation and Oklahoma City were not represented.

Our next rally will be held at Olive on July 5th. Bro. Paul Jursell will bring the message at 11:00 o'clock.

After our business session, we had a program consisting of a

Reading, "Saint Peter at the Golden Gate" Raymond Leo

A Mountain Prayer Meeting Nona Moore and Marjory Smith

Duet Vance Chapel
Two Class Songs Vance Chapel

Quartette Silver City
Song, "When I Take My Vacation In Heaven" by Thera Numan,

accompanied by Doyle Numan on his violin.

Play, "Tightwad" Silver City
Vocal Solo Cleve Green

Clarinet and Trumpet Duet by Risle Stakesberry and Cleve Green

We are so glad our rallies have been a great success. We have a wonderful group of Christian young people. If each of us will do his or her part, we can conquer anything we undertake. May we all let God lead us and do as He commands; and "Victory" will be won.

Velma Walker, Sec'y.

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constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.”

“It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?” (Matt. 10:25). Master of what? The house is not a literal house: for the Son of man had not where to lay his head (Lk. 9:25). What house? House of God (1 Tim. 3:15).

Master, Director, Head, or Chief (Matt. 23:10)—“Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, even Christ” (John 13:14).

Gen. 49:24—“From thence is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel.”

Zech. 13:7; Mark 14:27—“All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.”

1 Peter 5:4—“And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away” (Heb. 13:20).

Shepherd (John 10:14)—“I am the good Shepherd.” (Psalm 22:22; Heb. 2:12; John 17:26; Matt. 26:30).

No wonder Jesus said in Matt. 18:17, “Tell it to the church.” The church was transacting business (Acts 1:15-26; 6:1-3).

Ratified in Heaven—Rev. 21:14.

The adding—There were more than 500 (1 Cor. 15:5, 6), the number assembled were 120 (Acts 1:15), then 3,000 were added (Acts 2:41).

Every characteristic essential to a church existed before Christ died: The members had salvation—Lk. 1:17. They had the Gospel—Matt. 24:14. They had baptism—John 4:1, 2. They had the Lord’s Supper—Lk. 22:19. They had feet washing—John 13. Jesus was the head—Matt. 10:25. They were not of the world—Jno. 17:16. Christ was in them—John 17:23. They had the glory of God—Jno. 17:22. They kept God’s word—John 17:6. They were branches of Christ—Jno. 15:5. They were clean—John 15:3. Jesus loved them—John 15:9. Jesus kept them—John 17:12. They believed in Jesus—John 17:8.

CHIPS

From Eld. T. C. Ferguson’s Sermons, Lately Preached.

One proof of immortality and the resurrection is the caterpillar; it dies, then it bursts forth in a beautiful butterfly.

One of the first things that God instituted in this world was a home for man.

A home must have five things in it: First a father, then a mother, then children, then God in the home, then a comfortable place to live.

Procrastination is time’s kidnapper.

Can’t never did anything but fall down.

It pays to be a payer.

Where will you spend eternity? That is for you to answer.

You can serve God with your feet, by walking right.

You can serve God with your hands, by doing good things with them.

You can serve God with your ears, by just listening to good things.

You can serve God with your eyes, by looking only at good things.

You can serve God with your mouth, by saying only good things.

You can serve God with your nose, by keeping it out of other people’s business.

Keep out of the sin business and it will keep out of you.

A BIBLICAL CAKE
Contributed by Gracie McCarty

- 4½ Cups 1 Kings 4:22
 - 1 Cup Judges 5:25 (last article).
 - 2 Cups Jeremiah 6:20
 - 2 Cups 1 Sam. 30:12 (last article).
 - 2 Cups Nahum 3:12
 - 2 Teaspoons 1 Samuel 14:25.
 - 6 Teaspoons Jeremiah 17:11.
 - ½ Cup Judges 4:19 (last clause).
 - 2 Teaspoons Amos 4:5.
- And season to taste with 2 Chron. 9:9.

THE WAY OF MAN

At times I pause, and wonder why
Some people sing while others sigh.
It seems to be the way of man
For some to pout, and some to plan
For better things.

If we lose faith and cease to pray,
And take no time to start the day
With joy and song; we have no more
The zest of life, but bargain for
The pain it brings.

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