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REVIVAL MEETING



THORTON CREWS of Plainview,
Texas

HAMLIN.—The REVIVAL MEETING opens at the Hamlin Church of Christ, Sunday, April 3, 11:00 A. M. and will continue over the second Sunday in April, the 10th. Minister Reynolds will do the preaching the first day, and will continue to assist in the meeting over Friday night. On Monday Brother Thornton Crews, faithful and efficient minister of the Plainview, Texas, Church of Christ, will arrive to do the preaching the rest of the meeting. Services will be held daily at 10:00 A. M. and about 7:45 P. M.

Brother, Sister, do your part well by praying and working for the meeting. The preacher and the Lord will do theirs well, therefore a great meeting will be the result.

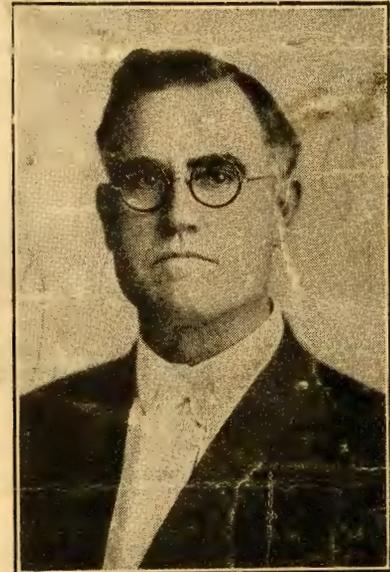
FRIENDS, we are striving to please God and to save souls by simply preaching "the word" (2 Tim. 4:2), and nothing but the gospel (Rom. 1:16), therefore, you are cordially invited to attend the entire meeting and receive a great spiritual uplift.

HAMLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST,
O. M. REYNOLDS, Minister.

REVIVAL AT STAMFORD

Following the great special meeting at Stamford, Brother A. LeRoy Elkins of Lamesa, one of the principal speakers during the special effort, one of the strongest gospel preachers in Texas, continued to preach in a Revival Meeting the following week. No doubt great good was accomplished. This is a "swap meeting" between Brethren Elkins and Black, Brother Black to hold a meeting at Lamesa later in the Spring. Brother Black is ample competent to repay the Lamesa saints in this exchange effort.

O. M. R.



A. LeROY ELKINS, of Lamesa, who did the preaching in the Stamford meeting.



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SPECIAL MEETING AT MUNDAY

Sunday, April 10 to Friday, April 15th.

Brother Ernest Harrison is arranging a good program, with the help of Brother Black, similar to the one at Stamford. It is to be regretted by the editors of this paper that Brother Harrison could not have a copy of his program ready for this issue, for we want to lend all the help and encouragement possible to his meeting. Brother Ernest has been a faithful helper in putting over the Jones County Christian. A number of preachers have already promised to serve on the program, and no doubt a great meeting is to be enjoyed.

REVIVAL MEETING

ANSON.—The work of the Lord continues to grow and prosper. New names have been added by relation of late, and one by restoration.

The new class rooms are now ready for use.

Brethren Francis, McCaleb and Hooten are in the midst of a song drill at the meeting house, and are to continue some two or three weeks.

A REVIVAL MEETING is to be conducted by home forces (this scribe, regular minister, doing the preaching) the first two Lord's days in May. An exchange meeting with some nearby preacher was attempted, but proper arrangements could not be made. Let every Christian in and about Anson pray and work, WORK and PRAY, for a great meeting.

Brother Tillit S. Teddlie, new Supt. of Boles Orphans Home, was present the latter part of the Stamford meeting and rendered valuable service. He spoke very effectively on Saturday night, and had a generous response. Sunday A. M. he spoke to the McCaulley church, and was gladly received; 3:00 p. m. he spoke to an appreciative audience at Nienda, and at night to a small audience in Anson, but was gladly received by the brethren. Brother Teddlie received financial help from all these places and much encouragement for the Home. Brother Teddlie is a Prince, and is succeeding wonderfully with the Home. May God bless him and the great cause he so well represents.

O. M. REYNOLDS.

SOME SERMONETTES

By A. LEROY ELKINS

The Bible is the Wonder Book of the world, written by about forty men during a period of fifteen hundred years, and yet it reads as though one mind had given it all.

One line like a thread of gold is seen all the way through it. This is impossible if these men were not inspired of God—specially guided by the Holy Spirit.

Men did not make roses because they cannot—men—uninspired men—did not write the Bible because they cannot.

If men—unaided men—wrote the Bible in an age when they were uneducated, why cannot men now, with all their boasted education, write a better book? Where is the man or the group of men who will undertake the job.

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

By O. M. REYNOLDS

"And he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'" (Acts 16:30). "Brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37.) The question propounded by these anxious and honest inquirers, "What must I do to be saved?" is the most vital and the most important question ever thought or asked by morals on this earth. How to make money; how to gain social position or political prestige; how to obtain millions of wealth fade into nothingness compared to the question as to the *salvation* of a soul from Sin in time and *saved* in Heaven in Eternity. Therefore, kind reader, may I expect of you the unbiased and honest hearing in this message of Love and Life that it merits? Let's have the spirit of Cornelius of old who said to Peter: "Now therefore we are all here present in the *sight of God (so are we) to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord.*" (Acts 10:33.) Please turn and read Acts 17:10, 11. These have the praise of the Holy Spirit for their honesty of heart, and their deep concern for their soul's eternal interests.

The question is not, "What must God do" that we might be saved, or what Christ and the Holy spirit must do. God has *already* done his part well, and is inviting the lost to come to Him. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.—; but that the world should be saved through him." (Jno. 3:16,17). Christ, God's Son and man's redeemer, has done well his part and is inviting the world to come to his Father, through himself. Listen at him: "Come unto me,.....and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28-30.) "And ye will not come to me, that ye may have life." (Jno. 5:40). The Holy Spirit, too, *has already come*, to complete or fully reveal the scheme of redemption, through the gospel. Please read Jno. 14:15-18, 26; 16:1-7; Acts 2:1-38. These scriptures tell of the Holy Spirit's coming to preach the gospel through men, which is "the power of God unto salvation." (Rom. 1:16) Turn now to 1 Pet. 1:12, which says: "Preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven." So, God, Christ and the Holy Spirit have cooperated in giving to the world "the gospel, which is *the power of God* unto salvation." (Rom. 1:16).

"But they did not all *obey* the gospel." (Rom. 10:16). While the gospel is God's power to save, yet it saves only those who *obey* the gospel. "But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were the servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; being made *free from sin*, ye became servants of righteousness." (Rom. 6:17,18). These passages from the word show that the gospel is God's power to save only those who obey the gospel. Now, what is there to obey? The question and the answer to the same, "What Must I Do to be Saved?" proves beyond a shadow of doubt that there is something to be done by the unbeliever before he is saved.

Then, *What*, and what *must* (not may), and what *must I* (not someone in China or Japna), and what *must*

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In the world-wide and age-lasting commission Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to *observe* all things whatsoever I commanded you, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19-20.

A disciple is a learner. One who has been taught the Gospel plan of salvation and learns it is a disciple of the Lord. But when that learner puts into practice the things he has learned; obeys the Gospel and is baptized into Christ in order to still be called a disciple he must continue in His Word. "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, if you *continue* in my word then are ye my disciples indeed." Jno. 8:31.

From this we learn that to be truly a disciple we must *continue* in His Word. To continue in His Word simply to "observe the things he has commanded." Acts "These all continued with one accord" in prayer and supplication with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brethren. Acts 2:42. "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine, and fellowship and in breaking of bread and in prayers." These are some of the things that we must continue steadfastly in if we expect to be a disciple indeed. When Paul and Barnabas returned again to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch "confirming the souls of the disciples and exhorting them to *continue* in the faith." Acts 14:21-22.

Brother, Sister: Do you want to be presented holy and unblamable and unprovable in his sight? If so Paul says you can do this "if ye *continue* in the faith, grounded and settled and be *not moved* away from the *hope* of the Gospel." Col. 1:22-23. Again: If we expect not to be cut off and have the goodness of God extended to us, we must "*continue* in his goodness." Rom. 11:22.

"But *continue* thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of knowing of whom thou learned them." 2 Tim. 3:14.

"Let brotherly love *continue*." Heb. 13:1.

If we are to be "truly disciples" we must continue in his word, continue in the teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer, continue in the faith, continue in his goodness, continue in the things we have learned, and last but by no means least, continue in *Brotherly love*.

—W. D. BLACK.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

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I *do*, and what must I *do to be saved*? Whatever it is, *must* be done—there is no escape. Christ and the Holy Spirit have spoken. Let's hear *them*:

CHRIST—Teach—Preach—Gospel—Believe—Repent—Baptized—Saved.

Matt. 28:18-20	T			B. Name	F. S. H. S.
Mark 16:15, 16	P	Gospel	B. and	B.	Saved.
Luke 24:46, 47	P			Repentance	R. of Sins.
All of "What Do"	T. or P.	Gospel	B. R. B.		Saved

THE HOLY SPIRIT TAUGHT:

Acts 2:1-38	T. or P.	Gospel (Already B)	R. B.	Remission of Sins
Acts 16:19-34	T. or P.	Gospel	B. R. B.	Rejoiced
Acts 8:26-40	T.	Gospel	B. R. B.	Rejoiced

From the above brief outline of Christ's teaching to his Apostles after his resurrection, and the words of the Holy Spirit to anxious inquirers, who were desirous of being saved, one can easily see that everyone under the Gospel of Christ "*must*" Believe in the Christ with all his heart, Repent of his sins and be baptized into the names of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, if he would claim remission of sins," or that he is "*saved*" from his alien sins. When you do these things of course God in heaven erases your sins in or by the Blood of Christ. (Matt. 26:28). Friendly man, obey God to-day and be "*washed in the blood*" and be made "*whiter than snow.*"

SOME SERMONETTES

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Some men are too cowardly to tell the masses the truth—too cowardly to give the people the things they need.

It is so nice to have everybody pleased with your address, your sermon, your lesson. Say something that pleases everybody and be popular with the crowd. "He that seeks to please men cannot be the servant of Christ."

There was a man who never did
Do as his soul desired,
Whose promptings never reached the place
To which his soul aspired,
Because he was afraid.

He tried to preach but when he saw
His congregation there,
The things he thought they should be told
To tell he did not dare,
Because he was afraid.

When brainless louts right loudly clapped
Some wretched vaudeville bill,
He'd lend his clatter to the throng,
His little place he tried to fill,
Because he was afraid.

All through his life this imp of fear,
Did dog his steps about,
He never said to him "Begone,"
Nor put the imp to rout,
Because he was afraid.

The Bible shows itself to be the best book in the world by "the fruits of faith." Christianity has Orphan Homes, asylums for the poor, schools for the young and old, training classes for those who desire to serve; while unbelief has nothing to show as the result of its claims. Men who really believe live to serve; those who are unbelievers have no fruit to show except the fruits of selfishness—every fellow for himself.

STAMFORD NOTES

The work at Stamford is doing fine. In the last two weeks we have had two to place membership, one restored and one baptized.

Our special meeting is now numbered with past events. It was a success from every standpoint, as far as I was able to note. Of the twenty-five preachers on the program, only three of them failed to get here and circumstances over which they had no control prevented their coming. I love my preaching brethren and they love me, and, in coming to us for this meeting they showed love for the Master's cause. First of all I want to mention Brother O. M. Reynolds, my co-laborer in the Gospel, for his great help, not only in arranging the program, but in coming the very first day and staying with us till the very last. On behalf of the church here I want to express our appreciation of his untiring labor as chairman of the meetings and the fine spirit in which he managed things all the way through and the splendid sermon the last night. Personally, I feel that Brother Reynolds paid us back double measure for the little assistance I rendered in the Hamlin meeting.

To the other preachers who came and helped us, I want to say that we, too, appreciate your help and the wonderful lessons you gave us. When I try to express how I feel about it and my appreciation of the many good things you brought to us, words fail me, and space forbids that I go into detail and tell about each address separately, but I must say that each speaker had his subject matter well in hand and presented it clearly and concisely, and was not afraid to come out on things that to my mind are vital, and have to do with the spreading of the Gospel and growth of the cause of our Lord. The effect these lessons have had upon the church at this place is wonderful indeed. You can see now a marked change in the attitude of the members toward the work, and I believe that this special meeting has done the church here more good than two or three regular protracted meetings. The members of the church here proved themselves equal to the occasion and showed a fine spirit of hospitality and cooperation in making the meeting a success. All in all this meeting made us realize what Paul meant in Eph. 2:5 when he said, "He hath raised us up together and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ."

Now brethren: the way for us to get still greater good out of this meeting is to put into practice the things we learned.

At this writing Brother A. LeRoy Elkins is with us in a fine meeting. His fine lectures on "Evolution," "The Divinity of Christ," "The Bible, the Wonder Book," etc., are being delivered in a forceful way and being heard by a house full each night. The interest is great, notwithstanding the fact that we had a full week last week and people were considerably worn out. These lectures are to be followed by a series of plain Gospel sermons on the Plan of Salvation and the work of the church from which we expect to get great good.

Every congregation in Texas ought to have a special meeting like the one we had and followed by a series of lectures by A. LeRoy Elkins on vital issues such as our educational problems, and the different forms of infidelity. In conclusion let me again thank you one and all for your hearty cooperation and fine spirit of fellowship in this meeting.

By W. D. Black.

NEWS AND NOTES

By O. M. REYNOLDS

UNION.—Brother Ross Givens has been preaching at Union on each third Lord's day of late, but he will be going to his home near Tipton, Okla., at an early date, and will likely not preach at Union much more. Brother Ross is a clean and faithful man of God and we await his return to Abilene and the Jones County field next Fall.

TRUBY.—Brother Foy Moody recently preached at Truby, his father, of Sinton, Texas, accompanying him. Foy is young, but has a future.

In the afternoon a number of brethren from Sinton and Anson met the Truby brethren in a good song service.

Brother Glenn Wallace resumes his labors with the Truby saints next 4th Lord's day, and they welcome his return, I am certain.

SWANS CHAPEL.—Brother Glenn Wallace will also resume his services with Swans Chapel next 2nd Lord's day, and we shall watch them "go on to perfection."

TABERNACLE.—During the past month, Brother N. W. Allphin, of Abilene, singer, song writer and preacher, preached for the Tabernacle Church.

Brother J. Eddie Weems preaches each first Lord's day and Brother Glenn Wallace each 3rd Lord's day for this splendid church. Brother Weems is one of A. C. C.'s popular and efficient teachers, and is a Gospel preacher of unusual ability. The Tabernacle church has made wise selections in these capable brethren, we think.

LUEDERS.—Brother G. K. Wallace and this good church continue to press the battle in Jesus' name. Brother G. K. preaches for the church there on the 2nd and 4th Lord's days. The 2nd Lord's day in May there is to be an all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. A number of good singers from Abilene and other places are to be on hand. Some of the other preachers of the county will help on the program in the afternoon. Every body is invited.

NUGENT.—Brother Wiggins of A. C. C. continues to preach each fourth Lord's day at this good place. Brother C. B. Glasgow of Merkel also preached for the church during last month. The writer has not learned as to whether Brother Glasgow will return or not.

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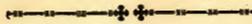
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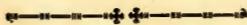
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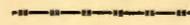
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