

THE FIELD MESSENGER.

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST John 4: 35.

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THIS YEAR ENDING

The General Conference of the Church of God convening as it does with the Missouri camp-meeting which commences August 18th continuing until the 28th, our year of service for God is about to a close. And with grateful appreciation to Him, we solemnly render thanks for the many extended blessings of the year. The work of the Lord which He has intrusted to us is in a most encouraging and prosperous condition, everything working out according to his own good pleasure, and to His glory.

The brotherhood everywhere, has responded to the needy calls of this late hour, and with earnest and patient expectation are anxiously waiting for the glorious coming of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. The most of them are returning to God his portion, the "tenth", and are good stewards, to whom He will say, "well done."

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We greatly rejoice with every true child of God, that our people everywhere, are becoming more eager to "save others", than ever before. This is a sign that they are traveling in the narrow way, the path that our blessed Savior trod. Jesus gave his whole life, and even died, to save sinners, and his followers are also partakers of the same divine nature. They are giving their lives for the same cause, and living to see fulfilled the same end.

When we give to the Lord only the tenth, and keep all the rest for ourselves, we think that a greater sacrifice should be our portion. But the Lord has given us the assurance that the tenth was his part, and in this way He has ordained that the gospel message should go to earth's remotest bounds.

THE STANBERRY CHURCH LEADS

We are happy to inform our readers that the church at Stanberry has paid into the general conference treasury in tithes and offerings the past year the sum of \$1587.37, to be used in carrying the gospel messages we all love to those who have never yet heard. This is an expression of confidence in the work by those living at headquarters who know all about the manner in which it is conducted, and we feel that if many others were better acquainted with our system and manner of carrying the message forward, they would support it with a stronger arm, and make possible even greater accomplishments.

The church at Marion Iowa ranks second on the list for tithes and offerings sent to the General Treasury during the past conference year; the church at Sabetha, Kansas, third; Glen, Colorado, fourth; and Orafino, Nebraska, fifth.

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INTERESTING LETTERS FROM NEW CONVERTS

Pierce, Okla.

Dear Brethren and Readers.—I am just a beginner in the blessed truth, and I am so thankful that I've seen the true light before it was too late.

I joined the Campbellites two years ago, because mother belonged, and the preacher told me it was the only church. I didn't know who God was, neither did I have any love for him. I joined because I was afraid I would die, and be burnt for ever and ever, if I couldn't look Satan in the face and say, "I've been a good Campbellite." But Brother and Sister Unzicker came into this community last winter, preaching the truth. I was stunned at first, and especially when I heard that the seventh day was the Sabbath.

We have a Sabbath School of about 30 or 40 now.

I and six of my family have

stepped out to do the will of God. We are thankful that God sent Bro. and Sister Unzicker to this little community, and I am going to stand firm for the truth all the way, God being my helper. Your sister in Christ. Miss Florence McGill.

Pierce, Okla.

Dear Readers:—I have been serving Satan the last 41 years, up until about six months ago. I always thought that what the preacher said was right. I would pay him, it didn't make any difference how I got the money, he would pat me on the back, and say I was a fine fellow. But since I've begun to take the Bible for my guide and refuse to take the preacher's word, he tells me that I'm all wrong. Now I've decided to take the Bible for my guide, and I am very thankful that I can take the word of God for my standpoint, in preference to the sayings of Satan's followers.

I've always said that this was a God-forsaken country, but I've found since Brother and Sister Unzicker first came here that this is a forsaken-God country.

I'm thankful that they ever came to this place, and I wish them good luck wherever they go. Your Brother in Christ. J. J. McGill.

Pierce, Okla.

Dear Readers:—I am a beginner in the truth. I joined the Campbellite church when I was 18 years old, and never heard the truth until I was 40 years old. I and six of my family united with the Church of God about six months ago when Brother Unzicker was preaching here. I am thankful to God that I've seen the blessed truth, and I shall never turn back.

Several of my neighborhood have stepped out to do the will of God, for which I am very thankful, and my husband has united with us and has become a strong believer, for which I am also thankful to God.

May the blessed truth ever march

on to victory, is my prayer. Your sister in Christ. Mrs. Eva McGill.

Tatum Texas.

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—I will, by God's grace, write a few lines of greeting to all the holy brethren in the faith, saying, God is with us, and is revealing to many souls, the Sabbath light.

I thank God and pray he will bless Brother and Sister Unzicker, for revealing the light to me. It was God's work, sending them to Tatum. They have been a great blessing to our community, by coming and telling them of God's works.

I had never dreamed of the Sabbath until they told me about it. Then God put it before my eyes, and I, how could I refuse? I had been living in the dark until that glorious night, when I heard the word of God so plainly, I could not help but understand; and now I try to live in the light, and bring my children up to live right. I want the prayers of all that I may succeed.

We have Sabbath School every Sabbath since Brother and Sister Unzicker left.

I wish to thank the Lord for his blessings and great love; and pray he will send his richest blessings on you all. Yours in Jesus.

Mrs. Annie Kelley.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

From Elder Presler.

Dear Brother in the Lord:—I received your letter, and in reply will say I am as well as usual, and holding forth at the White Palace, near Buffalo. Have good crowds, and interest as well, but don't know what the out-come will be as yet. Was at Licking at time of my last report. My sister lingered and finally died. Cancelled my appointments for a while, when she was so low. Spoke six times at Licking in the Christian church. Did not have the interest and audience that we expected. Three ministers and several prominent church goers were in attendance. Some said they were interested in the discourses, but the audience dwindled down to 13 the 6th night, and we closed. Went to Craddock, 9 miles distant, and held meetings there. Interest and attendance were good considering the time of year, as the farmers were very busy in their crops. - We spoke every other night. 4 took a stand for the truth, to keep the law of God, and comply with the

terms of the gospel. One Brother, was past 60 years old. The 4 were baptized into Christ, and arose to walk in newness of life. We trust others will follow. On Sunday night, July 10th we spoke at the M. E. church, by request of the pastor, Bro. Harmon, on the 17th chapter of Revelations. Brother Harmon is a man of ability, and worth, and is interested in Bible study on prophecy, and is devoting time to the investigation of the same. By request we called on him and had a very pleasant interview on scriptural lines. May the Lord bless him in the search for light. We will remember him, and others for kindness given. We truly appreciate the kindness of the Christian church in the use of their house, in which to hold meetings.

From Brother E. F. Thorp.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, and Editor:—I will greet you in the name of Jesus, and try to send in my report. My wife and I left Bono July 5th for Humphrey, and held a meeting 17 miles south of Humphrey, where we had a good meeting, and got the church together and composed the church at Wallier. We had no additions to the church, but strengthened the members which were needful in the work. We are now 6 miles west of Hagler, Ark., where we have only been for a week, and we are having a good meeting, with good order and interest; and the outlook for the truth to persist is excellent. I just heard from a young Elder of the Church of God at Dewitt, Ark., 20 miles east of Hagler, who is coming over to help me in this meeting. Pray for us in this meeting, we need strength in this state. We had a good Sabbath School meeting last Sabbath at Hagler, and we had Brother and Sister Damont from Dewitt with us. Oh Brethren, is there not some one who will come to this state and help me in this great work? Brother Munro wrote me from Ft. Smith, Ark., that he had a tent that could be used in the work. If some one who is able, would come and take up this work, we could have one gospel tent in the field in this state, and then we could canvass the cities here as you all understand we can't get any place in the cities to hold meetings. May the Lord open the way, so we may reach more poor sinners, with the truth; for where the Lord's work is, there is where my heart and soul are. Oh let us work as we never worked before, for we can all see that the time is short. Pray for us, as we

feel so weak, in this great work alone. As ever, your brother in the Master's work.

Note:—We have since learned from Brother Thorp, that four had been baptized as a result of the meeting above mentioned, and that several others were deeply interested. The meeting was still going on at last report.

From Elder Rodriguez.

Torreon Coach, Mexico.

August 8, 1921.

Dear Brother Dugger:—You will find enclosed my monthly report.

The "Church of God" work in the state of Coamila, is going very nicely. Our missionary, Brother B. Correa, will work among the people of Durango, state, a little over 150 miles from us. He said in his last letter, the work is in good progress at Gomer Palacio, and city of Lerdo. Both cities are of a great importance. He wants me to go there and help him in important development of our work. Here in this city we control two wards, all the protestant people and many Catholics have already signed the Church of God covenant. Thanks to the Lord for that victory. Our Mexican churches in Texas, New Mexico, and California keep in very good condition, according to letters of the pastors from these places. Your brother in the Lord.

Lebanon, Mo.

July 31, 1921.

Dear Brother in Christ.—I am still holding out here, with large attentive audiences. But from the start they had heard of our Sabbatarian views, and "would be shepherds" are busy guarding their flocks. The first week the leaders of the "Church of Christ" took away the lights we had engaged to use, but the neighborhood got others before night meeting again. Some of their own members expressed their disapproval of such unchristian actions. The kingdom question caused no little stir among them, and their pastors attended a night or so, and finally persuaded several to quit attending. One of their old preachers acknowledged we had the light on that question, and attended about a week, but is not able to attend of late on account of sickness. Four Primitive Baptist preachers attend occasionally. They say nothing to me, nor do they contribute to our question box, but they do work hard among the members and families: spiritualizing everything to suit their views, and thus keeping them confused. There have

been seven preachers attending these meetings; as many as four in one night. This does not embarrass me, but to have them then get busy among the audience and work against us is very discouraging. Yours in His cause. J. T. Williamson.

Note:—Brother Williamson writes a little later that his audience is still large, regardless of his preaching on the Sabbath and other unpopular themes of divine truth.

From Brother Barnes.

August 8, 1921.

Dear Brother Dugger:—Greetings in Jesus' name. I came to Canadian, Okla., Friday and began the meetings Saturday night. There was a fine crowd, it being the first night. Much good can be accomplished here, as this is a new field. I want you to send me a large bunch of tracts. You know what I will need, for I am taking up the same line that Elder Miles used at Maryville, Mo., last summer. I can't pay for them now, but if you will send me six or seven dollars worth, as soon as I close the meeting I will get me a job and then send you the pay.

I want to help these people here, and let us pray that they will be called out of Babylon. As ever, your brother. R. A. Barnes.

Note:—Brother Barnes is a young man just taking up the ministry, and this is his first effort. He was with Elder Miles last summer at Maryville, assisting in the meeting and preparing for service. We hope that he will prove himself worthy of this high calling, and be a successful soul winner for the kingdom. We shall all watch these efforts by our young ministers with the deepest concern, and admonish them to stay right where they are, until something is accomplished, for it takes much time to educate the people, and convert them through the divine plan.

From Brother McMicken.

Dear Brother Dugger.—I left home July 22nd, and arrived here near the little town of Bear Creek, Ala., and began meetings the night after the Sabbath. Eleven discourses have been delivered up to the present time. I am having large crowds each night, and the people seem to be interested. Subject, last evening, was The Two Laws, after which the Bible was allowed to answer ten questions that had been handed me by a Christian minister. The Christian people from Bear Creek are

coming out by the wagon and car loads, and many have acknowledged that we have the truth. Thursday night is the regular question night, and I am in need of some literature for distribution. Your brother in the hope of the gospel.

W. W. McMicken.

Note:—Brother McMicken is a convert of Elder Miles' who saw and accepted the truth on the last trip that Elder Miles made to Alabama, and he has been preparing for the ministry for the past two years. We wish him success during this, his first effort, and with the Lord's presence and assistance we feel that much will be accomplished. Remember these young men who are just starting out at the throne of grace, that God will make them successful workmen in his great and needy vineyard.

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GENERAL FIELD WORK

We know the brethren are all eager to know the results of efforts being put forth in new fields to break the precious bread of life to souls hungering for the Word, and that they rejoice like the angels of heaven at sinners called to repentance.

While some field activities are more encouraging than others still the work as a whole is progressing nicely with a visible assurance of God's favor and blessing.

The tent meeting at Chillicothe under the management of Elder Herbert Miles commenced in June and closed the seventh day of August. From the beginning there was not the interest manifest that there should have been, or that there was in the meeting conducted by Brother Miles last summer at Maryville. The attendance increased from the start until the Sabbath with other doctrines were preached, and this seemed to scatter the people, many of whom did not return, although wisdom was used in their presentation, and they were not brought in for several weeks after the meeting had begun. There were only three converts, but others will come in later, as they have promised to do when they get other

work, where they can observe the Sabbath. Three men from there who have not yet come into the church, and who are heads of families are planning on coming to the Missouri camp-meeting, and one has already resigned his position as section foreman on the railroad. A young man from south western Oklahoma, attending college there,

said he expected to be with us some time, and has purchased literature to send to his home folks, and wants a minister to go to that neighborhood and hold meetings. One of the converts is a young lady from Louisiana, who is attending college there also. The seed thus sown will make a great scattering over the country for good, and just what the harvest will be will not be known until the judgment.

The tent meeting also closed at Brookfield August 7th, which was under the management of Elder Ed Rodgers. There were nine baptized there, one week ago Sunday, and another was added to the church, being satisfied with her former baptism which was by immersion. A nice Sabbath School was organized, and several other persons are deeply interested who it is thought will come out later. Elder J. W. Cruse was Brother Rodgers' assistant in this meeting, and we all rejoice with them at the success, obtained to the Lord's praise and glory. The workers here also did good service.

Elder M. W. Unzicker is now holding a meeting in Cherokee, Oklahoma which he will continue indefinitely.

Brother Barnes is still engaged in his meeting at Canadian, Oklahoma, and at this writing the meeting by Brother McMicken near Philcampbell, Ala., is also still in progress with good prospects for results, and the efforts by Elder Williamson at Lebanon, Mo., and by Elder E. F. Thorp near Hagler, Ark., are still in progress, with an expected continuation until results are had. Elder L. L. Presler expects to have finished his effort in time for the Missouri camp-meeting, but we have not yet heard as to the results. So brethren, the message is going forth everywhere, which is only partially reported in the above, and the committee have still greater plans for the coming season, as there are more ministers than ever before available and ready to go into the work.

Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up still more workers for his vineyard, as the calls for the hour are great.

We are happy to report to the brotherhood everywhere that there has been a marked increase in the number of tithe payers the past year above that of any previous year of our history. May the Lord bless every one of them and still open the hearts of others to be preachers of his blessed word in this way, and a bountiful harvest of souls gathered for his soon coming kingdom.

THIS PAPER IS THE OFFICIAL FIELD ORGAN OF THE SEVENTH DAY CHURCH OF GOD, WITH HEADQUARTERS AT STANBERRY MO.

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Word from Elder G. S. Hayden of Omaha is to the effect that five have come out there in the Sabbath light, with other truths, and three will soon be baptized.

Although at times our responsibilities before us look dark, but nevertheless knowing that this is the work of the Lord, the directors expect to go right ahead, arranging circumstances for young ministers who are devoted to the Lord and this last message, so they can spend their entire time in the gospel field. New ones are continually being added to the list, and others preparing for this

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We want to publish in the Field Messenger soon, the pictures of all of the Executive Committeemen of the General Conference of the Church of God. We want our people everywhere, and all friends who are so faithfully supporting the Lord's work with their tithes and offerings to get acquainted with the men at the head of the work who direct the paying out of the funds, intrusted to their care.

The executive committee will soon examine carefully the Treasurer's books for the past year where a careful summary in itemized form is kept of all funds paid to the general Treasury during the whole year, and exactly where and to whom every cent was paid. This is the Lord's work, and it must be conducted openly, honestly, and legitimately, so as to assure the entire confidence of every member, and the favor and blessing of God.

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Maysville, Mo.

Dear Brother Dugger:—Please find enclosed \$1.00 to help send out the message to those that will heed the call before it is too late. We surely love to hear of those that are inter-

ested and of those that step out on the Lord's side and hope there will be many more that will follow. Your sister in Christ.

Mrs. Otto Pritchard.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR JULY PAID INTO THE GENERAL TREASURY

Mrs. Louis Harris	\$137.02
D. E. Henry	25.00
Mrs. Henry Morton	26.00
M. Goodwin	15.00
Sarah Corbett	11.50
J. W. Crouse	5.20
Mrs. S. E. Williams	3.70
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	5.75
Sarah M. Porter	2.00
Pearl James	1.00
Orville James	1.00
W. S. Ward	2.00
Mrs. E. H. Zimmerman	10.00
J. H. Keith	2.00
Sarah A. Stillson	5.00
W. R. Peterson	1.25
Mrs. Ed Wharton	1.50
E. F. Thorp	.90
Maggie Bagwell	1.00
A friend	1.00
John Bagwell	1.00
Dave Condry	1.00
Myrtle Maddox	1.00
A friend	1.00
A friend	2.50
Hilda E. Hogarth	4.00
Mrs. M. K. Turner	5.50
H. M.	6.00
Mrs. L. L. Munro	1.45
Mrs. Wm. Workman	1.28
Ella R. Corlies	1.00
A friend M. T.	2.10
Mrs. Dr. VanderWyst	10.00
Mrs. R. M. McGeorge	1.00
Mrs. W. W. Roberts	3.50
D. B. and C. A. Farnham	5.00
Flora Lippincott	.23
Dorothea McElvain	.95
Anna McElvain	3.77
W. R. Peterson	1.00
Mrs. Mary Ringgole	1.00
Katie Smuck	1.00
Parlee Casey	2.00
Mrs. R. C. Stokes	2.00
E. L. Dumond	5.00
Bert F. Marrs	4.20
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	8.75
Mrs. H. T. Bennett	10.00
Beryl Todd	.10
Willie Todd	.10
Mrs. E. D. Stivers	2.00
Mrs. E. Y. Wharton	2.00
Geo. H. Bennett	6.00
Cleora Close	1.15
R. E. Hosteter	3.00
Davee Condry	1.00
Orvill James	1.00

Amber Close	.40
Mrs. Mamie Close	.50
M. B. Adams and Florence Landrum	9.25
Mrs. M. C. Pierce	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blood	5.34
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson	5.00
A friend M. J. V.	2.09
W. R. Peterson	1.00
E. F. Thorp	3.10
Cecil Taylor and family	7.50
Theodore Taylor	.79
Mrs. Jessie Thornhill	2.00
H. C. Calwell	1.25
Mrs. Fred Bokenkroger	5.00
Marinda Harrod	2.00
Paul Harrod	6.00
Estus Harrod	2.50
C. M.	8.28
Mrs. Otto Pritchard	1.50

TITHES FROM THE STANBERRY CHURCH

F. M. Lippincott and wife	\$11.10
Abbie Moore	7.00
Elmer Sheffield	7.00
P. C. Walker	6.60
J. A. Riggs	5.00
R. E. Hosteter	4.35
S. A. Moore	5.00
A. D. Youngs	3.50
Leota Neal	.75
Clarence Lippincott	2.00
Cora Best	6.10
B. D. Eley	3.00
Edith Childs	5.50
Mrs. Jane Childs	2.00
Clyde Cofer	2.00
L. I. Rodgers	5.20
Mable Rodgers	2.00
Maud Rodgers	3.80
Genevive Moore	.05
A. N. Dugger	12.79
Mrs. D. M. Black	3.00
V. P. Raymond	5.00

OFFERINGS

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