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Preach The Gospel."

"To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isa. 8:20)

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## A Missionary's Wife Pictures Brazil

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Dear Mrs. Gilpin:

I received your most welcome letter yesterday morning. We are all well. I am sorry to hear of the illness of your mother and Grandma Gilpin. I hope both are better now. Give my love to each of them. How are the babies? I guess Rhoda Eve thinks lots of her sister. They will be lots of company to each other in a few years.

I will try to answer some of your questions. The food is poor. We all eat like pigs and yet are losing weight. I believe the bread is the worst trouble. The flour is bad, and the bread is made without milk or shortening. It is a form of light bread. It is so tough you can hardly eat it. Well, in Kentucky, we would not. You can get fresh beef and pork each day, but the meat is nearly all lean. Vegetables are scarce now. We can get green beans, lettuce, cucumbers, cabbage, and greens (mustard). Cabbage is awful high—fifteen cents for a small head about the size of a small saucer. We can get potatoes. They are shipped in from Europe, but they are strong, and I can't eat them at all. We use lots of macaroni and put butter in it. Butter is 27 1-2 cents a pound. We get milk but it is not very good, and it has to be boiled before using. Oranges are real good, and is about the only kind of fruit you can get now that is good. The

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## U. H. H.

A few days ago a Christian worker in Bombay wrote us that two days ago the Corporation had labelled the flats he lived in "U. H. H." — Unfit for Human Habitation — and that the order was given to "vacate immediately." He added that "moving in this weather and at such a notice is a fearsome thing. But God is blessing and two have just been saved, so who cares what the enemy does!"

We are quoting the above, believing that it may have a message for some unsaved reader. Paul likens the body to an earthly house of this tabernacle and Christ tells us that the ominous letters

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### "THREE NARROW GATES"

"If you are tempted to reveal  
A tale some one to you has told  
About another, make it pass  
Before you speak, three gates of gold.  
"Three narrow gates: First, 'Is it true?'  
Then, 'Is it needful?' In your mind  
Give truthful answers; and the next  
Is last and narrowest, 'Is it kind?'  
"And if to reach your lips at last  
It passes through these gateways three,  
Then you may tell, nor ever fear  
What the result of speech may be."

—Author Unknown

## Ralph Webb



The above is a good portrait of Elder Ralph Webb, pastor of the Baptist Church of Fullerton, Ky., who spoke for us in our Thanksgiving service, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings recently.

The editor has had the privilege of being one of Brother Webb's teachers in the ministry, and has always enjoyed his fellowship. However, in these recent services, we came to love him in a way not experienced hitherto. His messages were powerful, and dynamically filled with the Spirit of God.

Every few days we have invitations asking us to hold a revival meeting. I rejoice to hold as many of these as possible, but other duties make it impossible for me to be away often. I would like to suggest our Brother Webb, and ask that if you are in need of a meeting, that in prayer you may consider him as your preacher. He is sound, orthodox, Calvinistic, Premillennial, Missionary, Biblical, Fundamental, Baptist and Christ Like.

May God's richest blessings rest on our Brother Webb. My prayers shall ever be with him that God shall continue to make of him the great preacher which I believe he is destined of God to become.

## The First Baptist Pulpit

### "A Christmas Message"

"Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen,  
For the customs of the people are vain." (Jer. 10:2,3)

I realize tonight beloved that what I have to say on the subject of Christmas will not add in the least to my popularity as a radio preacher. However, beloved, I would remind you in the very outset of my message that I am not seeking popularity, but rather I am seeking to please my Lord. Every time I face a congregation or stand before this microphone, I am reminded of the words of Paul when he spoke to young Timothy saying, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned into fables." (II Tim. 4:2-4)

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I am satisfied that many — perhaps a great majority of my audience will be surprised and even shocked when I say that Christmas is not of Divine appointment. God, at no time and in

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## Down To The Pocketbook --- And Deeper Yet

A church suffered damage to its property. Members of the church viewed the damage with sorrow and varying comment such as: "What a pity! It makes me sick at heart" and "What a shame! I am so sorry." The damage to the church was done during the first part of the week and comment followed during the week. Then Sunday came. One of the members who had viewed the damage made her regular offering an added a generous love gift to help repair the damage. She was sorry down to the pocketbook.

A preacher preached on stewardship. He called attention to a people's departure from God and consequent hard times which came. The message brought words of praise to the preacher from the members. One member added to his regular offering a love gift of a twenty dollar bill. He praised the message down to his pocketbook. Another member said nothing to the preacher about the message but talked to God about it and added to her regular offering a love gift of a check for a hundred dollars. She praised the message down to her pocketbook.

Hard times came and churches found increased difficulty in meeting their obligations. The members of a church were sorry Oh, so sorry at the hard time the church was having. One member was so sorry that he added to his regular offering a love gift of

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## Nation's Tobacco Bill

Three-fourths of all the money spent for tobacco products in this country is spent for cigarettes. This rather amazing fact has been disclosed as the result of a survey made by the Research Division of the Curtis Publishing Company, in conjunction with a consumer purchase survey by the United States government.

Furthermore the survey showed that the cigarette bill of the average American family of smokers (urban) is slightly under \$30 a year; and, naturally, that families with the most income are the biggest smokers.

Other Curtis studies based on the expenditure survey have shown

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