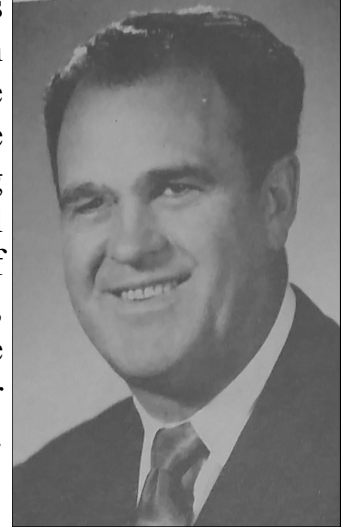


A Brief History of Brother Webb's Life

"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 unto all them also that love his appearing." II Timothy 4:7,8

We feel certain that our dear brother finished his course.' Although this providence of God was a great tragedy to us, it was a glorious triumph for him. "To depart, and be with Christ . . . is far better." Through the years of his ministry, Brother Webb's life was "poured out" to the uttermost, for the gospel. This servant of the Lord had been working day and night to see that the new wing of the church was ready and all things in order for the Thanksgiving Convention. He was in a state of exhaustion but there was a need, so he went to the hospital in Bristow, Oklahoma, to pray for a woman who was ill. While returning for the Convention in Tulsa, he apparently fell asleep at the wheel of the car and hit an abutment of a bridge on the Turner Turnpike near Bristow. Sudden death was sudden glory to him.



Brother Webb was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Webb in Linn Creek, Missouri, a part of the area which is now covered by Bagnell Dam, on January 9, 1908. He has a twin brother by the name of Oren M. Webb. Also a brother, Pastor C. C. Webb, of the Beams of Light Church, in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. His sister, Hattie Webb, lives in Kinta, Oklahoma, and is Pastor of the Kinta Gospel Tabernacle. A younger brother, Harry Webb, preceded him in death in the year of 1933. His God-fearing mother instructed him in the way of righteousness from the time he was an infant. His father and mother are now living in Kansas City, Missouri. At the age of seven years, this lad was gloriously saved.

After completing his high school education, he attended Oklahoma A. & M. College for a time. From there, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, and did sales work for various firms. While there, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and called to preach the gospel. He began part-time ministry at the age of 19 years. In 1921 he was married to Miss Elise Hellwig. His faithful wife stood loyally by him through the years of his ministry. Four children came to bless their home. Rose Ann, the oldest, is a student at Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. Dean, twelve years old; Ruth, ten; and Jerry, eight; are all at home.

Brother and Sister Webb took their first pastorate at Tonganoxie, Kansas. A fruitful ministry resulted from their labor of love there. In 1931, our brother built a church at Richardson, Kansas, and pastured there until 1933. After that, he and his wife traveled in evangelistic work for a time, touring a good part of the United States and Canada. Many souls were saved in these services.



BRISTOW GOSPEL TABERNACLE
Washington and Walnut Streets

In 1935 the O. W. Webb family moved to Bristow and built the Bristow Gospel Tabernacle. They remained there for approximately nine years. During that time they established a Children's Home; also began a daily broadcast in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, in 1936.

They moved to Tulsa in 1944 and bought the land at 17th and Harvard Avenue, where the Beams of Light Tabernacle was constructed. In 1947 a thirty-acre estate was purchased and the Children's Home was transferred from Bristow to Tulsa. This home was operated until July of 1951. More than 500 children were given a home, an opportunity in life and were taught the message of salvation.

Brother Webb was the leader of an undenominational group and a number of churches were established through his help and encouragement. He was also active in home and foreign missionary work. Through his help and the cooperation of others, two mission stations have been established in South America and support has been given to a large

Mission School for unfortunate children in Jamaica. Other missionaries have been helped.

The most far reaching ministry of our brother was through the radio broadcast and the "Beams of Light" paper. This paper has a mailing list of approximately 22,000. He was heard daily by thousands of listeners over radio station KTUL of Tulsa, KOMA of Oklahoma City, and KGGF of Coffeyville, Kansas. His daily broadcast continued for 16 years. For a time, Brother Webb was on the net-work and his broadcast reached from coast to coast.

Surely this brother could admonish us: "Follow me as I follow Christ." His constant attitude might be summed up in this little poem:

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ, will last."

"We believe he has fallen asleep in the blessed hope of the out-resurrection. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, . . . and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thessalonians 4:16, 17

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GOING HOME

I started on a journey
That was very, very long;
My spirit was rejoicing
In my heart I had a song.

I had no thought of trouble
As I started on my way;
I hoped to reach my home
At the closing of the day.

The roads were so rugged
And the rain began to pour;
The highway soon was covered
And it rained yet more and more.

The obstacles could not stop me
As homeward I did go;
I rejoiced along my journey
Through the rain, the sleet and snow.

Likewise, along life's journey
As we travel here below;
We encounter days of darkness
And the stormy winds that blow.

Let not the stormy winds beset us
Though sometimes we may fall;
Look beyond the storm clouds
To the God who conquers all.

We can gladly face the troubles
As homeward we do go;
Soon we'll settle down forever
Where the storms will never blow.

— O. W. Webb

ASLEEP IN JESUS!



Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Webb and children, Rose Ann 20 yrs., Dean 12 yrs., Ruth, 10 yrs., Jerry 8 yrs.

Oliver W. Webb Timeline

1908 - Oliver W. Webb (O.W.) was born on January 9th of 1908 along with his fraternal twin brother, Oren M. Webb (1908-1995) at Linn Creek, Camden County, Missouri.

1910 - Resided in Major County, Oklahoma

1915 - Was saved at the age of 7 years old

1920 - Resided in Council Grove, Oklahoma

Mid 1920's - Moved (around the same time of sister Hattie) to the Kansas City area upon the invitation of older brother, Charles C. Webb. Worked sales positions with various firms.

Approx 1926 Filled with the Spirit and called to preach the gospel under the preaching and teaching of A.S. Copley

1927- Began part time ministry

1929 - November 23rd, 1929 - Married to Miss Elise Hellwig

1929 - Took first pastorate at Tonganoxie, Kansas

1930- Resided in Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas

1931-32 - Pastored in Richardson, Kansas

1931 - Officially ordained along with brother, Charles C. Webb, under A.S. Copley.

1933- Traveled and evangelized - held revival services in Mission City, Missouri.

1935-1944 - (Re)built and pastured Bristow Full Gospel Tabernacle, in Bristow, Oklahoma.

1936 - Began radio broadcast out of Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Radio broadcast lasted 16 years.

1938- Founded and operated the Bristow Children's Home in Bristow, Oklahoma.

1940- Resided in Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma

1944 - Moved to Tulsa with wife and family

1944 - Built and pastured the Beams of Light Tabernacle in Tulsa, dedicated in October of 1944.

1947- Purchased mansion-size house and land at 41st and Harvard and moved the Bristow Childrens Home and occupants to this location, calling it the Beams of Light Children's Home.

1951- Found it necessary to close the Beams of Light Children's home - but not before helping over 500 children who were given good Christian homes and heard the message of salvation.

1952-53 Transitioned his Beams of Light paper into the Full Gospel Grace Fellowship paper to serve the existing churches in the fellowship that he led and the new ones established with his help and encouragement. The readership was 22,000 at its peak.

1953 - Oversaw the nearly completed new wing of Beams of Light Tabernacle church at 17th and Harvard.

1953 - Passed away on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, 1953, after hitting a bridge abutment near Bristow on the Turner Turnpike while returning to Tulsa. It is thought he fell asleep at the wheel. He was only the third fatality on the new Turner Turnpike since it had opened the May 16 of 1953, leaving behind his wife and four children.

(The above dates and facts referenced from his Beams of Light Biography, Indelible Grace Publication and Ancestry.com)

STATE TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL TO 7 FOR HOLIDAY

**Five New Fatalities Reported
Today — Evangelist, 45,
Killed on Turnpike**

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Oklahoma's Thanksgiving holiday week-end, with three days still to run, already has recorded seven traffic deaths. For all of last Thanksgiving's holidays, there were 12 deaths.

The state's highway fatality toll for the year now stands at 470 compared with 520 at this time last year.

The latest victims:

Mary L. Hays, 62, Rockford, Ill.

J. Coody Franklin, 42, Wewoka.

Mrs. Laura Smith, 78, Henryetta.

Mrs. Ben Durall, Henryetta.

The Rev. O. W. Webb, 45, Tulsa.

Mrs. Hays died today of injuries received yesterday when a car in which she was riding and another collided one mile west of Bridgeport on U. S. Highway 66 in Caddo county.

Wewoka police said Franklin apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his auto 5½ miles north of Wewoka on State Highway 56. The car veered out of control and over an embankment after striking a bridge abutment.

Maye Hightower, 32, a woman riding in Franklin's car, was seriously injured and hospitalized at Wewoka.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Durall were killed in a collision at the intersection of U. S. Highway 266 and a McIntosh county road near Hitchita last night. Four others were injured seriously.

Webb, a Tulsa evangelist, died when his car crashed into an underpass abutment on the Turner turnpike near Bristow. It was the third death on the turnpike since it opened May 16.

There were two earlier holiday deaths Wednesday night. Harry Hughes, 62, Colcord, and Junior D. Jackson, 34-year-old Tulsa fireman, were fatally injured in a collision a mile west of Leach in Delaware county.

*The Miami Oklahoma
Daily News*

*Article about the passing
away of Rev. O.W. Webb*