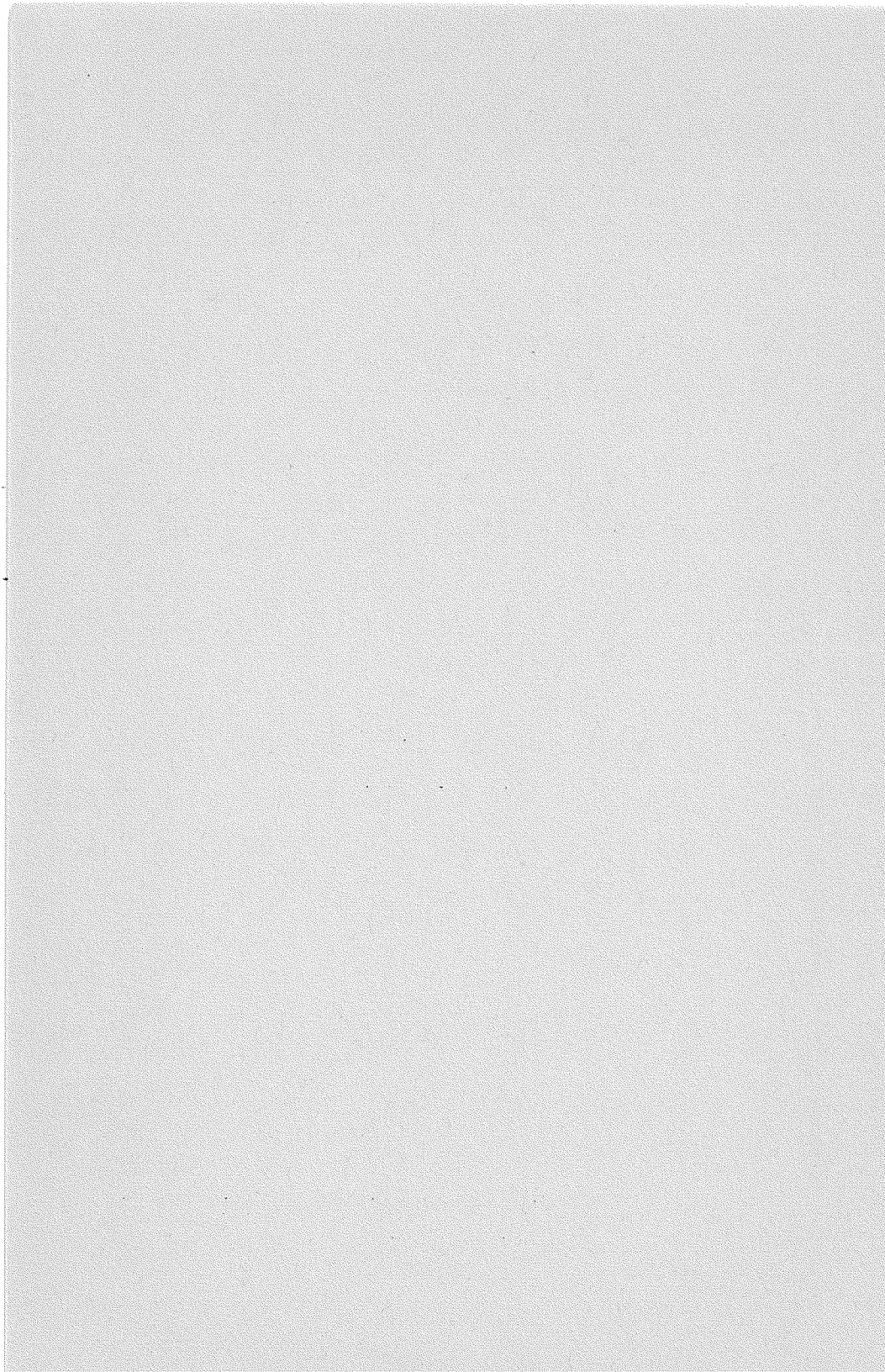


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Statistical Report of Associations by States

Alabama—Associations 9; Churches 135; Membership 12,793; Ordained Ministers 216; Licensed Ministers 22; Sunday Schools 112; Sunday School Enrollment 6,598; Free Will Baptist Leagues 28; League Membership 1077; Woman's Auxiliaries 23; Value Denominational Property \$75,000; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$114,961.04; Value of Church Property \$620,380; Name of Denominational Property, "Alabama Children's Home."

Arkansas—Associations 11; Churches 155; Membership 10,331; Ordained Ministers 205; Sunday Schools 152; Sunday School Enrollment 5621; Free Will Baptist Leagues 57; League Membership 1390; Total amount raised for all purposes \$117,097.71; Value of Church Property \$363,400; Value of Denominational Property \$5,000; Name of Denominational Property, "State League Tabernacle."

California—Associations 4; Churches 44; Parsonages 11; Membership 2560; Ordained Ministers 104; Licensed Ministers 18; Sunday Schools 44; Sunday School Enrollment 2340; Free Will Baptist Leagues 31; League Membership 460; Woman's Auxiliaries 13; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$126,052.69; Value of Church Property \$450,110.

Florida—Associations 6; Churches 63; Parsonages 1; Membership 3480; Ordained Ministers 59; Licensed Ministers 10; Sunday Schools 42; Sunday School Enrollment 2000; Free Will Baptist Leagues 18; Woman's Auxiliaries 18; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$27,790.18; Value of Church Property \$100,000; Value of Denominational Property \$15,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Florida Training Camp and Tabernacle."

Georgia—Associations 7; Churches 124; Parsonages 6; Membership 10,151; Ordained Ministers 100; Licensed Ministers 28; Sunday Schools 98; Sunday School Enrollment 5,577; Free Will Baptist Leagues 52; League Membership 2490; Woman's Auxiliaries 40; Value of Church Property \$614,325; Value of Parsonage Property \$38,000; Value of Denominational Property \$20,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Mt. Bethel Youth Camp," Ashburn, Georgia.

Illinois—Associations 1; Churches 40; Membership 3637; Ordained Ministers 89; Licensed Ministers 21; Sunday Schools 38; Sunday School Enrollment 2197; Free Will Baptist Leagues 8; League Membership 391; Woman's Auxiliaries 8; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$21,851.77; Value of Church Property \$317,000; Value of Denominational Property \$28,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Sunday School Alliance Tabernacle and Youth Camp."

Kentucky—Associations 5; Churches 108; Membership 9706; Ordained Ministers 199; Licensed Ministers 7; Total amount raised for all purposes \$97,655.66; Value of Church Property \$717,800; Value of Denominational Property \$50,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Orphan's Home."

Michigan—Associations 1; Churches 12; Parsonages 3; Membership 1284; Ordained Ministers 18; Licensed Ministers 6; Sunday Schools 12; Sunday School Enrollment 1396; Free Will Baptist Leagues 8; League Membership 343; Woman's Auxiliaries 8; Value of Church Property \$228,430.

Mississippi—Associations 1; Churches 21; Parsonages 3; Membership 3005; Ordained Ministers 12; Licensed Ministers 1; Sunday Schools 18; Sunday School

Enrollment 1563; Free Will Baptist Leagues 10; League Membership 493; Woman's Auxiliaries 7; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$52,286.68; Value of Church Property \$176,500; Value of Parsonage Property \$25,000; Value of Denominational Property \$10,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Morganwood Youth Camp."

Missouri—Associations 11; Churches 159; Membership 8,337; Ordained Ministers 160; Licensed Ministers 30; Sunday Schools 110; Sunday School Enrollment 5655; Free Will Baptist Leagues 32; League Membership 1243; Woman's Auxiliaries 20; Total amount raised for all purposes \$199,462.02; Value of Church Property \$627,400; Value of Denominational Property \$28,150; Names of Denominational Properties, "Free Will Baptist Gem" and "Youth Encampment."

North Carolina—Associations 10; Churches 362; Parsonages 50; Membership 41,818; Ordained Ministers 318; Licensed Ministers 74; Sunday Schools 336; Sunday School Enrollment 37,600; Free Will Baptist Leagues 125; League Membership 5188; Woman's Auxiliaries 190; Y. P. A.'s 110; Total amount raised for all purposes \$754,537.70; Value of Church Property \$4,829,329; Value of Parsonage Property \$500,000; Value of Denominational Property \$490,000; Names of Denominational Properties, "Cragmont Assembly, Inc.," "Free Will Baptist Orphanage," "Free Will Baptist Press," "Mount Allen College."

Ohio—Associations 1; Churches 58; Membership 3218; Ordained Ministers 113; Licensed Ministers 3; Sunday Schools 50; Sunday School Enrollment 3085; Free Will Baptist Leagues 16; Woman's Auxiliaries 2.

Oklahoma—Associations 15 (only 11 reporting); Churches 169; Parsonages 100; Membership 11,128; Ordained Ministers 242; Licensed Ministers 30; Sunday Schools 169; Sunday School Enrollment 14,000; Free Will Baptist Leagues 120; League Membership 4,000; Woman's Auxiliaries 35; Value of Church Property \$910,000; Value of Parsonage Property \$300,000; Value of Denominational Property \$100,000; Names of Denominational Properties, "Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Children's Home" and "Oklahoma Free Will Baptist District Camp Grounds."

South Carolina—Associations 4; Churches 55; Parsonages 5; Membership 4200; Ordained Ministers 55; Licensed Ministers 8; Sunday Schools 55; Sunday School Enrollment 6000; Free Will Baptist Leagues 35; League Membership 1500; Woman's Auxiliaries 30; Total amount raised for all purposes \$153,134; Value of Church Property \$471,731; Value of Parsonage Property \$52,233; Value of Denominational Property \$25,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Children's Home."

Tennessee—Associations 2; Churches 104; Membership 12,033; Ordained Ministers 144; Licensed Ministers 10; Sunday Schools 67; Sunday School Enrollment 8736; Free Will Baptist Leagues 45; League Membership 2274; Woman's Auxiliaries 35; Total amount raised for all purposes \$272,327.89; Value of Church Property \$191,550.01; Value of Denominational Property \$250,000; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Home for Children."

Texas—Associations 5; Churches 52; Parsonages 10; Membership 3,108; Ordained Ministers 74; Licensed Ministers 6; Sunday Schools 48; Sunday School Enrollment 3200; Free Will Baptist Leagues 18; League Membership 415; Woman's Auxiliaries 12; Total amount raised for all purposes \$59,377; Value of Church Property \$190,000; Value of Parsonage Property \$50,000.

Virginia—Associations 4; Churches 101; Membership 5455; Ordained Minis-

ters 170; Licensed Ministers 15; Sunday Schools 93; Sunday School Enrollment 6468; Free Will Baptist Leagues 20; League Membership 290; Woman's Auxiliaries 20; Value of Church Property \$204,090; Name of Denominational Property, "Virginia Cottage Free Will Baptist Home for Children," Greeneville, Tennessee.

West Virginia—Associations 15; Churches 145; Parsonages 1; Membership 5,756; Ordained Ministers 245; Licensed Ministers 25; Sunday Schools 62; Sunday School Enrollment 6,213; Free Will Baptist Leagues 7; League Membership 190; Total Amount raised for all purposes \$700,000; Value of Church Property \$420,000; Value of Parsonage Property \$5,000; Value of Denominational Property \$25,100; Name of Denominational Property, "Free Will Baptist Youth Camp."

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY EVENING, 13 JULY, 1954

The eighteenth annual session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was opened by singing three grand old songs of the faith, "Lord, Send a Revival," "Pentecostal Power," and "Revive Us Again," led by Mr. I. L. Stanley, Greeneville, Tennessee. A vast congregation had assembled in the Memorial Auditorium and joined in the spirit of the service to help carry out the theme of the convention, "Revival Now."

The Rev. Burkette Raper read from the Gospel according to St. John and spoke briefly on "The Bible and Revival," emphasizing that they cannot be separated, and that if revival comes it must come as a result of restoring the Bible in the home, in education, and in the pulpit. The congregation was then led in prayer.

The Association was called into official session by the clerk, the Rev. George W. Waggoner, who introduced the moderator, the Rev. E. E. Morris. Mr. Morris made some timely remarks, and introduced the Rev. Paul J. Kettelman, chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

Mr. Kettelman introduced Mr. E. C. Burnett, Jr., Spartanburg Councilman, who gave a hearty welcome to all visitors to enjoy Spartanburg and South Carolina hospitality. The Rev. C. E. Vermillion, Superintendent of City Missions of Spartanburg, was introduced and in behalf of the churches of his fair city, wholeheartedly welcomed visiting Free Will Baptists. The Rev. Louis A. Holliday, moderator of the South Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, extended a sincere appreciation for having the privilege of entertaining the convention and hoped that it would mean much to the people of his state as a means of enlightenment and a challenge.

"Lead Me to Calvary" was challengingly sung by a trio from the Children's Home, Greeneville, Tennessee, Bonnie Hall, Dorothy Bennett, and Zella Mae Derick, after which Mr. Stanley again led the congregation in singing "If Jesus Goes With Me."

An inspiring keynote message, "The Urgency of the Burning Heart," was delivered by the Rev. Clarence F. Bowen, Nashville, Tennessee, who allowed the Lord to speak through him to every heart. The message was based on Luke 24: 28-36. Mr. Bowen stressed the fact of the sin of indifference in the lives of many of us and pointed out how it would produce a cold heart in the lives of laymen and ministers alike. Other points stressed included these:

1. There is a need for a burning heart because sin is a presence with us, has power, and always carries a penalty.
2. We can't hold Christ to ourselves.
3. With a burning heart will come the ability to stand against modernism and will produce a vision of a lost and dying world.
4. Pre-requisites of a burning heart are prayer, dedication, and a burden for lost souls.
5. The results of a burning heart for Jesus will be a revival in our land, an increase in church attendance, Christians afire for the Lord's work, increased offerings, and salvation of the lost.

Following this challenging message the clerk read the appointment of the Committee on Committees as given to him by the moderator. Those named to

the committee were Charles Sapp, W. A. Hales, Louis Moulton, Roy Rikard, and Henry Melvin. Then followed the benediction by the Rev. Tom Hamilton.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 14 JULY, 1954

The morning service was begun by congregational singing directed by the convention music director, Mr. I. L. Stanley. After prayer, the Rev. Wade Jernigan used Psalm 119:11 as the basis for the devotional thought that the Word of God is a lamp, a light, a hammer, a fire, and a sword that should be hid in our hearts.

The moderator took charge and asked for the report of the Credentials Committee. A partial report was given at this time by the secretary of the General Board, who also stated that some state letters were not in as yet. The report was received and delegates whose letters were in order were seated. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Motion was passed to accept the printed program without time limits and allow for any necessary changes that need to be made.

The report of the Committee on Committees was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the General Board was given by the secretary, the Rev. George W. Waggoner, and a motion passed to receive it and take up by sections and to lay on the table the two proposed amendments to the constitution. (This report will be found in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

Motion was then duly passed to delay consideration of the General Board Report until the Credentials Committee completes its report. During the delay "The Lord's Prayer" was very beautifully sung by Donald Clark. Then the Credentials Committee gave the remainder of their report, which was received and the other state reports approved and their delegates seated.

After some discussion of the items of the General Board's report, the moderator declared a recess, after which the worship hour was to be observed.

Mr. I. L. Stanley led the congregation in the singing of praises to our God. Mrs. Stanley, pianist, and Mr. James B. Smith, organist, did a very beautiful job in providing music throughout the convention. Rev. James Barker conducted the devotional and Donald Clark again thrilled the audience with singing "Bless This House."

The Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Detroit, Michigan, spoke a soul-stirring message on "Revival Fires Burn on Family Altars," using as the text Scripture, Colossians 3:17-25. He pointed out that the breakdown of homes in America would be tragic but that it was fast coming in this age of apostasy. Other notable points that were stressed included these:

1. A nation is only as strong as its homes.
2. The Bible places first responsibility on fathers and mothers to educate and teach children in the right way in the home.
3. Every person must contribute his part in the family altar.
4. Every family needs a family altar and the father is primarily responsible for it.
5. Family altars are basic in God's plan for revival in our land.

The morning session was closed by prayer, and delegates were instructed to reconvene at 1:30.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 14 JULY, 1954

Devotions for the afternoon session were conducted by the Rev. D. W. Poole and the singing was led by Mr. Stanley. The oldest delegate present, Mr. J. K. Stephens of Missouri, was introduced. Mrs. Zella Jacobs was next oldest. Mrs. Jacobs from Ohio, attends every year, be the convention far or near.

Motion to adopt part 1 of item 1 of the General Board's report carried, and the action of the Executive Committee sustained. Motion to have a roll call vote on part 1 of item 1 after hearing from the guest speakers failed to pass.

Business was again interrupted to give time for spiritual refreshments. After congregational singing, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, North Carolina, sang and then Rev. W. A. Hales of Virginia, assistant moderator, introduced Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., who used John 14:15 and John 15:14 as the basis of a very inspiring message on "Evangelism and Revival." Dr. Jones is president of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina. Speaking earnestly to all Free Will Baptists he said, "God may have held you back for this very day when He can send revival in our day through our land using you to accomplish His purpose." But he warned that God will not send revival where modernism and apostasy are and where there is too much of a denominational interest, excluding other more important things. Other highlights of this timely message are summarized as follows:

1. The church's commission in the world is to preach the Gospel.
2. The greatest failure in history is that of the Christian church.
3. The church's greatest tragedy was when it became embraced by the world.
4. There can be no revival without preaching the pure Gospel.
5. There can be great power in the pulpit when there is fire in the pew.
6. There is no revival in America today, but there are signs here and there.
7. Revival will bring social changes but there is no such thing as a social Gospel.

Following the message the congregation sang and then recessed for five minutes.

Report of the National Association of Evangelicals was given by the Rev. George Ford, associate executive director of that organization with which Free Will Baptists are affiliated. He spoke on "Cooperation without Compromise" and pictured two dark curtains in the world today—that of Roman Catholicism and Communism.

Telegrams were recognized from James S. Day, Jr., acting president of the Spartanburg Ministerial Association; Clate A. Risley, general secretary of the National Sunday School Association; missionaries and students in Cuba; India staff and friends by Miss Barnard of Kotagiri, South India; Ollie Latch, clerk of the General Association of General Baptists; and Walter M. Montano, editor of the *Converted Catholic Magazine*.

Mrs. Robert B. Crawford, Greenville, N. C., gave the report of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention and it was received as information. (This report may be seen in the section of the minutes reserved for reports.)

"Bibles for Bibleless Millions" was the subject of a report of the American Bible Society given by the Rev. Albert C. Johnson, secretary of Visual Aids for that society. He reported that the organization is 138 years old this year, that more than fifteen million Bibles were distributed last year, and that they had a budget in excess of two and one-half million dollars. Mr. Johnson urged Free

Will Baptists to send in signatures for the World Good Will Book and support the work of the American Bible Society.

Returning to the consideration of the report of the General Board the assembly upon motion adopted part 2, item 1.

Motion to adopt part 3 of item 1 was discussed at length.

Motion to adjourn until the evening session followed by prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 14 JULY, 1954

After a song and prayer, Rev. Raymond Riggs showed color slides from his recent tour of the Free Will Baptist mission stations in India. These pictures of our missionaries on the field and their work greatly enlightened all of us and pointed to the needs with a greater emphasis. Then followed congregational singing, special music by the choir, and a beautifully done number by the Headquarters' Quartet. This group is composed of Raymond Riggs, W. S. Mooneyham, D. C. Dodd, and Clarence F. Bowen. A rising vote of thanks was given to Mr. Stanley, and Mr. James B. Smith for handling so well the music during the entire convention.

Missionaries home on furlough, Miss Bessie Yeley from Cuba, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens from Africa, and one candidate soon to sail for India, Miss Wanda Edwards, were all called to the platform and gave stirring testimonies of their work already done and that which awaited them and the working of the Lord in and through their lives.

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions and a challenging message was given by the Rev. Raymond Riggs, promotional secretary. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) He stressed the fact that the Gospel in the uttermost parts of the world will unify us at home and gave figures to prove that actually the non-English speaking peoples are sadly lacking an effective witness of the Gospel because our vision has been so limited. The body voted to grant the Foreign Mission Board the privilege to make a small change in their By-Laws. (See details in the Foreign Mission report.)

The Rev. Herman Hersey, Raleigh, N. C., offered a beautiful piano selection during the program interlude.

Report of the Board of Home Missions and a short message was given by the Rev. D. C. Dodd, promotional secretary. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) He said that revival fires are being kindled on the home front and that prayer is essential to keep them burning on the family altars in the homeland.

The Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tennessee, chairman of the Home Mission Board, presented three young missionary couples to be commissioned for service in the homeland. Each of them gave a testimony of his (her) calling or leading of the Lord to go to these fields. Scripture was read by Rev. H. E. Staires, the missionary charge given by Mr. Dodd, and the commissioning prayer offered by Rev. Willard C. Day. Those commissioned were Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong, Flat River, Missouri, assigned to work among Cubans in Ybor City, Florida; Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., Calhoun City, Mississippi, assigned to Nebraska; and Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester Crawford, Belmont, North Carolina, assigned to Oregon.

An offering of \$365 was received for the Home and Foreign Missions programs.

The Benediction for the evening service was given by Rev. Homer Willis, Paintsville, Kentucky.

Thursday Morning, 15 July, 1954

The final day of the convention got off to a good start by spirited congregational singing led by Mr. Stanley. After "Stand Up for Jesus" and "Sweet Hour of Prayer," the Rev. George D. Dunbar, Greenville, Tennessee, read James 3 for the devotional thought and led the group in prayer.

Returning to the consideration of the report of the General Board the assembly adopted part 3 of item 1.

Motion to adopt part 4 of item 1 carried.

Motion to adopt part 5 of item 1 discussed. Motion to amend part 5 of item 1 as follows: "And four per cent of each board's budget be allowed to finance the Executive Department this fiscal year, 1954-1955."

Motion to table the motions on the floor until the Resolutions Committee makes its report was carried. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.) Item one of this report was ruled out of order since the committee majority did not approve it. Motion was duly passed to adopt items 2, 3, 4, and 5 of this report. Motion was duly passed to refer to the same committee the question of finance for the Executive Department contained in item one. The Resolutions Committee did not reconsider but it was discussed from the floor. Motion was duly passed to limit the debate on the question to three minutes. Motion was duly passed to amend the amendment on the table as follows: "We ask the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, and the Board of Superannuation each to contribute four per cent of its annual budget for the maintaining of the Executive Department this year; however, no board shall be asked to contribute more than \$3,000. It is understood and agreed that after this current year, 1954-1955, no further requisitions shall be made upon the various boards and agencies of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to maintain the Executive Department." Motion passed to accept the amendment to the item which was taken from the table and then a motion was carried to adopt part 5 of item 1 as amended.

Motion was passed to adopt item 2 of the report of the General Board.

Motion to adopt item 3 carried.

Motion to adopt item 4 carried.

It was ruled that no action was necessary on items 5 and 6.

Motion was duly passed to adopt the report of the General Board in full as amended. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Stewardship Commission was given by the secretary, the Rev. D. C. Dodd. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Executive secretary was adopted with a single change in the last paragraph of "Cooperation Outside the Denomination." This report was given by the executive secretary, the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. (See the report elsewhere.)

The report of the Bible College Board of Trustees was given by Dr. L. C. Johnson, president. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Motion passed to adjourn until 1:00 p.m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 15 JULY, 1954

Devotions and prayer were conducted by Mr. Earl Smith, Pocahontas, Arkansas.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the secretary, the Rev. Joe Fort, Ayden, N. C. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Rev. J. C. Griffin gave the report of the Board of Publications and Literature which was adopted and the resignation enclosed was accepted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read by the Rev. Luther Gibson and a motion was made to accept the report and ask for nominations from the floor. (See the complete report elsewhere in the minutes.) Nominations for every office were taken separately and in every case the candidates of the Nominating Committee were elected.

Report of the Placement Committee for the 1955 session was given by Rev. C. F. Bowen. The report was received and the vote taken as the committee instructed. The majority of the votes were in favor of Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the 1955 convention. Motion was passed to adopt item 3 of the Placement Committee's report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist League Board was given by the secretary, Rev. C. F. Bowen. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Motion carried to adopt the Foreign Mission Board report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

Motion was passed to adopt the Home Mission Board report. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Sunday School Board was given by the Rev. John West. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The report of the Radio-TV Board was given by the Rev. J. D. O'Donnell. The report was adopted. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Temperance Committee report was adopted as given by the Rev. Chester H. Pelt. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

The Nominating Committee gave its final and completed report at this time. The report was received and nominations were called for from the floor. The committee's nomination, the Rev. Charles Thigpen, Detroit, Michigan, was elected. Motion was made to make the vote unanimous, which was done. Nominations and the election of each of the general officers of the convention were taken separately and in each case the nominee of the committee was duly elected. (See the report elsewhere in the minutes.)

A rising vote of thanks was given the retiring officers.

Motion for final adjournment carried.

Reports of Committees

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Temperance Committee:

Rev. H. L. Knighton
Rev. A. F. Lawter
Rev. E. M. French
Rev. Everett Hellard
Rev. Chester Pelt

Committee on Placement of National Association for the 1955 Session:

Rev. C. F. Bowen
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen

Program Committee:

The General Officers of the National Association
Chairman of each standing Board
The Executive Secretary, serving as the chairman.

Nominating Committee:

Rev. Mark Lewis
Rev. O. T. Dixon
Rev. Luther Gibson
Rev. Wade Calvert
Rev. Willard Day

The Resolutions Committee:

Rev. John Alford
Rev. Billy Melvin
Rev. Harry Staires
Rev. C. J. Kettelman
Rev. Joe Mooneyham

Committee on Committees

CHARLES SAPP, *Chairman*
HENRY MELVIN
ROY RIKARD
LOUIS MOULTON
W. A. HALES

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD ACTING AS CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

NOTE: (A committee of three, working in behalf of the General Board, the Rev. Wayne Smith, The Rev. C. J. Kettelman, and the Rev. J. B. Bloss, were appointed by the General Board to study the state letters and make a report to the General Board. After due consideration they reported to the board on the fifteen letters that were in. There were three states yet to make a report. The General Board accepted the partial report and reported same to the body in session and asked the committee to get and report on the other state letters through the General Board to the body in session. The complete report follows.)

The General Board acting as the Credentials Committee for the 1954 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists submit the following report and

recommend that this body accept the report and seat the delegates as listed.

<i>State</i>	<i>No. Delegates</i>	<i>No. Ass'ns.</i>	<i>Fee Paid</i>
Alabama	7	9	\$ 55.00
Arkansas	10	11	65.00
California	7	4	30.00
Florida	5	6	40.00
Georgia	8	7	45.00
Illinois	1	1	5.00
Kentucky	2	5	35.00
Michigan	1	1	5.00
Mississippi	1	1	5.00
Missouri	14	11	65.00
North Carolina	15	10	60.00
Ohio	7	1	20.00
Oklahoma—(11 Ass'ns. reporting)	16	15	65.00
South Carolina	9	4	30.00
Tennessee	7	2	20.00
Texas	10	5	35.00
Virginia	5	4	30.00
West Virginia	9	15	85.00
Total of 18 states	134	112	\$695.00

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

Since our church covenant demands total abstinence from the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, there can be no temperate use of them; therefore, we recommend:

First, that we abide by our church covenant and practice and promote total abstinence;

Second, that we commend our brethren who are living consistently in accord with all phases of our church covenant and exhort all to do so;

Third, that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation in our social relationships with both the saved and the unsaved, thus giving temperance its rightful position among the Christian graces listed by Paul (Galatians 5:23 as fruits of the Spirit and by Peter (2 Peter 1:6) as a virtue needed to be added to our faith.

Respectfully Submitted,
YOUR COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE TO LOCATE THE SITE OF THE 1955 SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Four invitations have been received by the Placement Committee. These are: Amarillo, Texas; Bristol, Virginia; Tulsa, Oklahoma; and North Carolina.

After due consideration of each invitation, the committee decided that the choice lay between Tulsa, Oklahoma, and North Carolina, and that, for the best interests of all concerned, the association itself should decide which of the two invitations should be accepted.

The Tulsa invitation comes from the nine Free Will Baptist churches of that

city, but has the assurance of co-operation from the Oklahoma State Association. Formal invitations via telegram have also come from the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce, and the mayor of the city, and the president of the Tulsa Hotel Association. Every facility of the city has been offered by both the mayor and the Hotel Association, as well as by the nine churches sponsoring the invitation.

The invitation to North Carolina comes from the State Convention of churches. No site has as yet been selected, but details for entertaining the 1955 session will be worked out by the State Convention in September, 1954. The promotional director of the North Carolina State Convention has assured the committee that the North Carolina State Convention will gladly meet all necessary requirements in providing for and entertaining the next session.

Therefore, the placement committee makes the following recommendations:

(1) That we express our gratitude to all groups extending an invitation for the 1955 session of the National Association.

(2) That the National Association vote on the Tulsa, Oklahoma, and the North Carolina invitations without further discussion, except for necessary questions for sake of clarity.

(3) That the placement committee be empowered to draft invitation forms which will be used in the future by all sponsoring groups.

Committee:

C. F. BOWEN, *Chairman*

E. E. MORRIS

RALPH STATEN

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

NOTE: (Item one of this report was ruled out of order since the committee majority did not approve it.)

RESOLVED:

No. 2—That we extend a rising vote of thanks to the South Carolina State Convention and the Woman's Auxiliary of the state; also to the Rev. Paul J. Kettelman and all his assistants for the splendid arrangements for our comfort and entertainment while in session.

No. 3—That we extend the thanks of this body to the Program Committee for the splendid program and to every one who appeared on the program.

No. 4—That the thanks of this body be extended to the Spartanburg papers for their coverage of this session of the National Association.

No. 5—That the clerk of the association be instructed to prepare a suitable appreciation to the city of Spartanburg, its Chamber of Commerce, and its mayor; also to the local Ministerial Association for their cooperation and contribution to the success of this session.

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, beg leave to place the following names in nomination for the various offices and boards:

General Board:

Arkansas—Bob King (1956)

California—Wade Jernigan (1956)

Missouri—George Scott (1956)

Oklahoma—Dale Munkus (1956)
Michigan—Rev. H. C. Beasley (1955)
South Carolina—Rev. Louis A. Holiday (1955)

Foreign Mission Board:

Rev. Raymond Riggs (1959)

Home Mission Board:

Rev. Willard Day (1959)

Free Will Baptist League Board:

Rev. Henry Melvin (1959)

Superannuation Board:

Roy Rikard (1959)

Board of Publication and Literature:

I. J. Blackwelder (1959)

Seldon Bullard (1956)

Sunday School Board:

Rev. O. T. Dixon (1959)

Board of Trustees of the Bible College:

Paul J. Kettelman (1960)

K. V. Shutes (1960)

Ralph Lightsey (1960)

Trustees of Headquarters Building:

H. D. Bailey (1959)

Radio and TV Board:

Ralph Staten (1959)

Stewardship Commission:

Damon C. Dodd

R. B. Crawford

F. B. Cherry

Eddie Corn

Robert Hill

1959

Planning Commission:

General Officers of the National Association (5)

Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Bible College

Chairman of the Home Mission Board

Chairman of the Foreign Mission Board

Chairman of the Superannuation Board

Chairman of the Sunday School Board

1957

Polity Committee:

(This Committee is to report to the 1955 Convention)

D. C. Dodd

Ben Barrus

J. L. Welch

C. F. Bowen

General Officers:

Moderator—Charles A. Thigpen

Assistant Moderator—Walter Carter

Clerk—George W. Waggoner
Assistant Clerk—T. G. Hamilton
Executive Secretary & Treasurer—W. S. Mooneyham

Respectfully submitted by the Committee

MARK LEWIS, *Chairman*

O. T. DIXON

LUTHER GIBSON

WADE CALVERT

WILLARD DAY

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

During the session of the National Association which met in Columbus, Georgia, in 1949, a five-man Stewardship Commission was named for a five year period. This commission was charged with the responsibility of surveying the denominational stewardship needs and then making provisions as far as possible to take care of these needs. This we have done, although on a somewhat limited scale. However, we do feel that a great deal of progress has been made and that we are on the verge of even greater progress, now that our people have begun to realize their stewardship obligations. A resume of our five years of work even though it may seem to be little will give an idea here of the direction in which we have been going.

Immediately after the Columbus, Georgia, session, the commission met in Nashville and outlined the needs and objectives in the field of stewardship. Five persons were asked to write articles on stewardship, which they did. These articles were combined and made into a study course and were distributed to the churches without cost. This material was widely circulated and requests still come to us for it.

"Stewardship Emphasis Month" has been observed each year with suggested materials being recommended. This year, however, stewardship packets were sent out from Nashville to a number of churches over the land. This packet contained four attractive two-color posters, samples of stewardship tracts written by a Free Will Baptist lay-member, a stewardship playlet and declamation, and a copy of the study course book, "All of Mine for Him." Five hundred of these packets were sent out in the initial mailing and since that time several orders have been filled. Let me say here, that you can order a complete line of stewardship supplies from the Stewardship Commission, 3801 Richland Avenue. We can supply such materials as: stewardship tracts, posters, pledge cards, playlets, declamations, study course material, and suggestions for "Stewardship Emphasis Night" in the local church.

The latest publication of the Stewardship Commission is a 120 page book, "All of Mine for Him." 2,500 copies of this book were printed and more than 700 have been distributed. This book sells for \$1.00 and the income derived from its sale will materially aid the commission in carrying on its work.

The major barrier in the path of the Stewardship Commission has been lack of operational fund. During the past year no money was made available to us so we were unable to do any far-reaching planning. The cost of printing the book was underwritten by the Home Mission Board and the cost of sending out stewardship packets was shared by the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Of the 500 packets sent out three were refused, eight returned because of insuf-

ficient address and only 200 have been paid for. This means that 289 are yet unaccounted for or not paid for.

For the first time we have a bank account. On deposit in the West Nashville Branch of the First American National Bank is \$224.00. We must sell 600 more books in order to come out even. The remaining sales will be profit to enable the Stewardship Commission to enlarge its operation. Inasmuch as the term of office of the entire commission expires at this session, we are not presenting any further suggestions or plans. We do feel, however, that this National Association should elect a Stewardship Commission in view of the proposed Cooperative Plan and the place which such a commission would fill in this connection.

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve you and we hereby pledge our continued prayers and support in the development of a great program of stewardship over all our denomination.

Signed: *The Commission*

L. C. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

D. C. DODD, *Secretary*

J. L. WELCH

R. B. CRAWFORD

F. B. CHERRY

Report of Boards

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board in its session at Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 12-13, 1954, heard the reports of all the boards, departments, and commissions and accepted the reports and recommendations as will be found herein.

1. The Executive Committee offered its report with the following items and recommendations presented herewith to the body:

- Part 1. The per cents for prorating monies to and from the various boards and the Executive Department for the 1953-1954 fiscal year were set as follows: The Bible College Board of Trustees, 30%; Board of Foreign Missions, 30%; Board of Home Missions, 10%; and the Board of Superannuation, 10%. The General Board approves the action of the committee in the belief that the committee had the right to make such requisitions from all the boards and asks that the convention approve this action.
- Part 2. We ask the General Board that they recommend to the National Association that the Stewardship Commission work with the Executive Department in stewardship education and that funds for same be included in the Executive Department's budget. Said recommendation is hereby made to the body.
- Part 3. We ask the General Board to recommend to the National Association that the executive secretary be authorized to set up a program to retire the Headquarters debt in a drive between January 1, 1955 and July, 1955 and to ask the other boards not to launch a special drive during this time. Said recommendation is hereby made to the body.
- Part 4. The General Board indorsed the committee's recommendation in favoring a denominational supply house (literature not included) handled through the Executive Department with the executive secretary to work out the details of setting it up and recommend that this be done.
- Part 5. The General Board accepted the committee's recommendation and does hereby recommend that the Cooperative Plan of Support be adopted now to become effective July, 1955, and that at that time the National

Association adopt the cooperative budget by calendar year beginning January 1, 1956; also that we begin the cooperative program now where it can be worked and continue to finance that department next year by requisition from the various boards, using 20% of the money coming into the department through the Cooperative Program toward the finance of the office.

(Note: This recommendation was amended by adding the following: "We ask the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, the Board of Foreign Missions, the Board of Home Missions, and the Board of Superannuation each to contribute four per cent of its annual budget for the maintaining of the Executive Department this year; however, no board shall be asked to contribute more than \$3,000. It is understood and agreed that after this year, 1954-1955, no further requisitions shall be made upon the various boards and agencies of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to maintain the Executive Department.")

2. The General Board recommends that Article IV of the Constitution be amended to read as follows, and that it be placed on the table Wednesday morning: "Representation—Representation in the National Association is to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to ten delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations or yearly meetings in the state; and in addition to the ten delegates, each district association or yearly meeting in the state shall be entitled to five delegates; and in addition each local association, union, or quarterly meeting in the state shall be entitled to three delegates. Associations in the state which have no higher organization in that state and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association shall elect and send their delegates directly to the National Association."
3. The General Board recommends that Section 2, Article VIII be amended to make the first two sentences into one which would read as follows, and that it be placed on the table Wednesday morning: "Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association and the chairmen of all standing boards."
4. Motion was duly passed to recommend to the national body that the Home Mission Board have the permission to prepare a charter of incorporation and report same back to the General Board.
5. Motion to receive the reports of the following boards and commissions and recommend to the National Association in session that they be adopted; Reports of the Executive Secretary, the Radio-TV Board, Board of Superannuation, Sunday School Board, League Board, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Bible College Board of Trustees, Board of Publications and Literature, and the Stewardship Commission.
6. Motion was passed to ask the national body to permit the Board of Publications and Literature to change their By-Laws to permit them to have books published where they want to and can.

GEORGE W. WAGGONER, *Secretary*

Bible College Report

Nashville, Tenn.

July 7, 1954

Dr. L. C. Johnson,
Free Will Baptist Bible College,
3609 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee
Dear Dr. Johnson:

We have made an examination of the books and records of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, for the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

Our examination was confined chiefly to the cash transactions of the college and consisted of a detailed examination of all cancelled checks paid by the bank during the period and tracing deposits of the recorded receipts into the bank accounts. The cash on deposit at June 30, 1954 was confirmed by correspondence with the depository banks. We also footed the cash receipts and disbursements book and satisfactorily traced transfers of cash between the different funds maintained by the school. Postings to the general ledger accounts were test checked by our representative.

The terms of our engagement did not provide for complying with generally accepted auditing standards with respect to the verification of accounts receivable, inventories, and fixed assets. Nothing came to our attention during the examination which would indicate that these items are not stated fairly. However, in view of the materiality of these assets, we are unable to express an opinion on the non-cash items in the attached statements.

Very truly yours,

McINTYRE & ASSOCIATES

Balance Sheet

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
June 30, 1954

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash on hand and in banks:

General Fund	\$2,150.10	\$		\$
Building fund	583.91		2,734.01	

Accounts receivable:

Students	152.98			
Due from Building fund	4,400.00		4,552.98	

Book store inventory			1,048.48	
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Total current assets				8,335.47
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Fixed Assets

Land	\$ 20,450.00
Buildings and improvements	122,943.08
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	33,899.26

Total fixed assets	177,292.34
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Total assets	\$185,627.81
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LIABILITIES, RESERVE AND SURPLUS

Liabilities and Reserve

Mortgage payable	\$4,000.00
Accounts payable	105.00
Employees payroll deductions	623.79
Due general fund from building fund	4,400.00
Reserve for student loan fund	71.92
Total liabilities and reserve	\$ 9,200.71

Surplus

Excess of total assets over liabilities and reserve	176,427.10
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Total liabilities, reserve and surplus	\$185,627.81
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Statement of Income and Expenditures

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

For the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Explanation	Gen. Fund	Book Store	Bldg. Fund	Total
<i>Income</i>				
Gifts	\$ 43,951.93	\$	\$35,810.12	\$ 79,762.05
Room and board	34,063.53			34,063.53
Tuition	15,855.52			15,855.52
Registration and matriculation fees	2,880.00			2,880.00
Music fees	1,947.00			1,947.00
Activity fees	1,128.96			1,128.96
Other miscellaneous fees and income	4,060.66			4,060.66
Book store sales		10,846.20		10,846.20
Total income	\$103,887.60	\$10,846.20	\$35,810.12	\$150,543.92
<i>Expenditures</i>				
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and other compensation	55,036.76	440.00		55,476.76
Groceries	11,622.30			11,622.30
Maintenance and repairs	7,367.93			7,367.93
Quartet itinerary expense	5,016.51			5,016.51
Promotional expense	4,132.39			4,132.39
Utilities	4,184.31			4,184.31
Office expense	1,830.95			1,830.95
Unified program	1,500.00			1,500.00
General and miscellaneous expense	1,354.90			1,354.90
Telephone expense	1,350.45			1,350.45
Traveling expense	1,247.41			1,247.41
Library expense	1,027.50			1,027.50
Insurance	970.52			970.52
Honarium	953.00			953.00
Practical work department expense	473.35			473.35
Board of trustees expense	472.56			472.56
Household supplies	460.51			460.51
Printing	384.10			384.10
School supplies	362.38			362.38
Taxes	275.02	55.88		330.90
Interest expense	275.00		1,825.00	2,100.00
Total operating expenses	\$100,297.85	\$ 495.88	\$ 1,825.00	\$102,618.73

Other expenditures:				
Book store cost of sales.....		8,917.73		8,917.73
Donation to building fund		500.00		500.00
Total other expenditures		\$ 9,417.73		\$ 9,417.73
Total expenditures for current operations	\$100,297.85	\$ 9,913.61	\$ 1,825.00	\$112,036.46
Additions to fixed assets:				
Equipment, furniture and fixtures	5,452.60			5,452.60
Total expenditures	\$105,750.45	\$ 9,913.61	\$ 1,825.00	\$117,489.06
Excess of income over expenditures	(\$ 1,862.85)	\$ 932.59	\$33,985.12	\$ 33,054.86

Statement of Building Fund Receipts and Disbursements
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
For the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Explanation	Details	Amount
Cash balance, June 15, 1953	\$	\$ 1,198.79
<i>Receipts</i>		
From donations	35,810.12	
Loan from general fund	5,000.00	40,810.12
		\$ 42,008.91
<i>Disbursements</i>		
Payment of note	39,000.00	
Interest on note	1,825.00	
Payment on loan from general fund	600.00	41,425.00
Cash balance, June 30, 1954		\$ 583.91

GIFTS BY STATES

June 15, 1953 — June 30, 1954

Arkansas	1,658.74	New Mexico	50.00
California	1,672.54	North Carolina	19,216.02
Florida	933.65	Ohio	2,384.81
Georgia	7,118.11	Oklahoma	3,495.90
Illinois	3,052.31	Oregon	12.00
India	120.00	South Carolina	2,751.24
Indiana	15.00	Tennessee	11,206.92
Kansas	53.00	Texas	3,764.57
Kentucky	1,532.50	Virginia	1,426.52
Louisiana	1.00	West Virginia	1,258.50
Maryland	9.00	Wisconsin	2.00
Michigan	2,991.07	W. N. A. C.	740.74
Mississippi	3,357.23	Miscellaneous	2,475.15
Alabama	\$ 2,389.60		
Missouri	6,211.67		
Nebraska	3.00	Total	\$79,902.79

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
Proposed Budget 1954-55

OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries:

Administrative	\$13,000.00
Teaching	28,345.00

Library	3,900.00	
Office	5,560.00	
Dean of Women	1,320.00	
Kitchen	7,085.00	
Maintenance Supt. and Janitors	3,425.00	\$ 62,635.00

Expenses:

Travel Expense	1,500.00	
Itinerary Expense	5,500.00	
School Supplies	400.00	
Telephone Expense	1,500.00	
Heat	3,000.00	
Electricity	1,200.00	
Water	500.00	
Laundry	100.00	
Household Supplies	1,000.00	
Printing	2,500.00	
Office Expense	4,000.00	
Library Expense	2,500.00	
Honorarium	1,000.00	
Interest	175.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	1,200.00	
Social Security Taxes	350.00	
Board of Trustees Expense	500.00	
Practical Work Dept. Expense	600.00	
Hospital Insurance (Employees)	800.00	
Additions to Fixed Assets	6,000.00	
Payments on Property	4,000.00	
Agencies:		
Book Store	10,000.00	
Activity Fees	750.00	
Emergency Fund	10,000.00	
Insurance	1,500.00	
Maintenance and Repairs	8,000.00	68,075.00
Total Operating Expenses and Salaries		\$130,710.00
(Does not include Groceries)		

INCOME

Student Income:

Matriculation Fees	400.00	
Registration Fees	3,750.00	
Tuition	19,500.00	
Activity Fees	2,250.00	
Room	10,800.00	
Board	27,000.00	
Music Fees	2,000.00	
Misc. Fees	600.00	\$ 66,300.00

Book Store Sales	\$ 12,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,200.00
W. N. A. C.—Gifts	1,500.00
Gifts for Operational Expenses	50,000.00
Gifts for Expansion Fund	50,000.00

Total Proposed Income\$181,000.00

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Budget for 1954-55

PROPOSED STATE QUOTAS

Alabama	\$ 3,000.00	Ohio	3,000.00
Arkansas	2,200.00	Oklahoma	4,400.00
California	2,200.00	South Carolina	3,600.00
Florida	1,200.00	Tennessee	14,000.00
Georgia	9,000.00	Texas	4,800.00
Illinois	4,000.00	Virginia	2,000.00
Kentucky	2,000.00	West Virginia	2,000.00
Michigan	3,800.00	Miscellaneous	3,000.00
Mississippi	4,000.00	W. N. A. C.	1,500.00
Missouri	7,700.00		
New Mexico	100.00		
North Carolina	24,000.00	Total Gifts	\$101,500.00

Foreign Mission Board Report

MISSION BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Mark Lewis.....	23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park, Mich.
Rev. J. W. Alford.....	Box No. 42, Morehead City, N. C.
Rev. Raymond Riggs.....	3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Reford Wilson.....	Pocahontas, Ark.
Rev. Rolla Smith	601 Buckley St., Flat River, Mo.

MISSIONARIES IN CUBA

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey.....	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Bessie Yeley.....	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Miss Lucy Wisheart	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenecie.....	Apartado 27, Pinar del Rio, Cuba

MISSIONARIES IN INDIA

Miss Laura Belle Barnard.....	"Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
Miss Volena Wilson.....	"Westfield" Kotagiri, South India
Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Cronk.....	Kishanganj—Purnea Dist. Bihar Province, North India
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna.....	New Sisters, Londour Mussoorie, U. P., India

MISSIONARY IN AFRICA

Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mseleni Mission Station P. O. Ubombo, Zululand, South Africa

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

to the

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers:

"In the morning, sow thy seed, and in the evening, withhold not thine hand."
Ecc. 11:6.

When was there a greater challenge thrown out to the Christian Church than at this hour—a challenge to unfurl the flag of the Cross and go forth "terrible as an army with banners?" The seeds of Communist propaganda may be powerful to destruction, but the Gospel of Christ is the seed of Heaven. It is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes, yet, how can they believe unless they hear?

We are glad to inform you that they are hearing today because of your prayers and your gifts. This indeed, has been the greatest year in the history of our Foreign Mission Department. Missionary conferences, itineraries, rallies and missionary revivals have been conducted in the following states: Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Wherever we have gone in the interest of foreign missions we have had splendid response and we wish to commend each and every one of you for your splendid support. Each year we are reaching more and more of our people and gradually they are being mobilized to the support of this all important work.

More important than the financial response has been the spiritual reaction of our people. In every case where we have gone with the program the hearts of the people have been moved and we have witnessed the salvation of many souls and have seen hundreds of our fine young people present themselves to the Lord in re-dedication for Christian service. Many of our one-night services have been nothing short of an old-fashioned revival.

This year, the Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board and Rev. E. C. Morris of the state of Georgia, visited our mission field in India. We left on March 9th and arrived home on May 1st. We believe the trip to India was most profitable and we are grateful for your prayers and the protection of the Lord during the journey. We traveled over 30,000 miles, and that without a single mishap. We found our missionaries in good health, and in good spirits, and we wish to commend them to you for their splendid accomplishments. During this trip we obtained over one hundred colored slides of India, also about one thousand feet of colored movie film to be used in promotional work.

The work in Kotagiri, South India, is moving along in a successful way. We discovered we had a very fine eleven room house, well furnished, where our missionaries live, and which provides a reading room, small chapel and office. There is a garage where the car is kept, and we found the mission car in first class condition and meeting a real need there in the hills. Also there is a lovely three room cottage on the mission property which is being rented for rupees 30 per month.

Down the hill and across the road from the bungalow is the church and school. The school runs through the 5th standard, is government approved and subsidized almost enough to pay the salaries of the teachers. A very fine Indian man, Joshua Paul, is pastoring the church in Kotagiri and also aids in the evangelistic work in the surrounding villages. Some four or five young men and women from our church in Kotagiri are attending Bible Schools elsewhere to further their training for Christian service. The first Sunday we were in Kotagiri there was 150 in Sunday school. We engaged in a few nights of revival in which over forty (40) souls surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Both Miss Barnard and Miss Wilson send their warm regards to each of you. We had splendid Christian fellowship with these servants of the Cross, and in my opinion all of our lives were enriched as a result of the experience.

From South India, we traveled by car, train, plane and bus to our field in North India, a distance of fifteen hundred miles. We had not been there long until the impact of real missionary work began to be felt in our hearts. The many sights in this strange land of heathenism and idol worship, with its teeming

multitudes milling about in darkness almost broke my heart. Especially when I realized we had waited so long to tell them of Jesus. With over one thousand towns and villages consisting of two million souls, and only four young people in the midst to declare the Gospel is certainly a challenge. Even though our missionaries here are comparatively unseasoned, and in a measure, immature, they are certainly doing a fine job for the Lord. They are laboring against disease, climate, language barriers, immoral customs and practice, and most of all the devil himself. Brethren, I am convinced that one of our greatest sins is failure to properly pray for our workers in India and to intercede on behalf of those to whom they minister.

Many more missionaries are badly needed for this area, but I am afraid that the doors may close unless more people become burdened to pray and ask God to "thrust forth" laborers into this part of his vineyard.

We are occupying two stations in North India. One is located in rented quarters in the city of Kishanganj. This is a city of some 15,000 people without electricity or sewers and offers a real challenge. It is the railway center and post office of the surrounding territory.

Thirty-six miles from Kishanganj is the other station, located at Sonapurhat. This is mission property, arranged for by Bro. Paul Woolsey when he was in India. There must be about four acres of land upon which is built a four room house with asbestos roof, a small three room concrete house built for dispensary and two small bamboo houses for servants quarters. When I was there, the foundation had been poured and the bricks were on the ground to construct new and permanent quarters for the native workers on the compound.

Our missionaries in North India of course are Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk and Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna. Each of them were well and seemed quite happy in their work. They also send their regards to each of you.

Visas Refused

Application for visa to India for Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery has been refused for the second time. Plans are now under way and investigations are being made for them to open a new work in some other land.

Missionary Candidates

Eleven candidates have officially applied to the Foreign Mission Board for foreign service. Also, there are a number of prospective candidates waiting for further training before they apply.

Advances Made in All Fields

From Cuba a most glowing report comes telling of many conversions, the establishing of new churches and the growth in Grace of the many Christians.

The financial balance sheet of our work in Cuba shows as follows:

Cash on hand June 1, 1954	\$ 7.97	\$
Cash in Light fund, June 1, 1954	733.37	
Cash in General Fund in Bank June 1, 1954	158.42	899.76
Equipment (same as last year)		10,455.00
Buildings and Property		23,000.00
Livestock and Poultry		2,275.00
Total Assets		\$36,629.76
Total New Worth of Mission Property		\$36,629.76

Missionary on Furlough

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stevens are home on furlough from Africa, and have been visiting many of our churches in the interest of foreign missions in general. Their ministry is proving a blessing wherever they go.

Lights for Cuba

We wish to commend the National League Board and the young people of our denomination for their splendid response to the "Lights for Cuba" project. The estimated cost of this project was \$2,500.00. As of June 30, 1954, we have received \$2,381.72. Mr. Bowen of the League Board informs us that the balance is in his hands.

Chapels for Cuba

We hope to make our special project next year, "Chapels for Cuba" with the first one being erected in the city of Pinar. We are looking for one hundred Leagues who will donate \$30.00 each toward the erection of our first chapel. This is a great need in Cuba and we are praying the Lord to provide the necessary funds over and above our regular budget.

Proposed Budget for 1954-1955

At the recent annual meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions the following budget was adopted for the year 1954-55:

Budget was adopted for the year 1964-65.			
Cuba		\$33,360.00	
India		19,200.00	
Africa		1,500.00	
Repatriation Reserve		12,000.00	\$66,060.00
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Administrative:			
Salaries		\$ 6,800.00	
Receptionist		250.00	
Office Supplies		500.00	
Postage		950.00	
EFMA Dues		130.00	
Printing		2,000.00	
Utilities		160.00	
Telephone		225.00	\$11,015.00
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Travel and Promotional:			
Board Members		\$ 500.00	
Promotional Secretary		1,500.00	
Itinerary Work		200.00	
Miscellaneous		1,723.00	3,923.00
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Executive Department			3,000.00
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Total			\$83,998.00
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<i>Suggested States Quota</i>			
Alabama	\$ 2,500.00	North Carolina	16,000.00
Arkansas	2,500.00	Ohio	2,200.00
California	2,500.00	Oklahoma	6,000.00
Florida	1,500.00	South Carolina	3,800.00
Georgia	3,200.00	Tennessee	7,500.00
Illinois	3,300.00	Texas	3,500.00
Kentucky	1,800.00	Virginia	3,000.00
Michigan	10,000.00	West Virginia	2,500.00
Mississippi	1,500.00	Miscellaneous	1,498.00
Missouri	9,000.00	<hr/>	
New Mexico	200.00	Total	\$83,998.00

Change in By-Laws

A motion has been passed by the Foreign Mission Board to ask the National Association to change Section III of the by-laws of the Foreign Mission Board to read as follows:

Article 1, The principal office of this corporation shall be in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

Article 2, Annual meetings of the board shall be held during the month of April of each year, unless circumstances justify another month; time and place of said meetings to be determined by the board when convened in its semi-annual session. Written notice of the meetings shall be mailed to each member of the board at least one month in advance of the meeting.

Article 2 to become article 3.

Financial Report

Herewith is the auditor's report of our finances for the last year. We thank the Lord for each of you who have helped to make this fine report. May God bless each of our efforts as we endeavor to "preach the Gospel to every Creature."

Let us begin NOW to make 1954-55 a much greater year in the salvation of precious souls throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND RIGGS

SPECIAL NOTICE

Word has just arrived from Carlisle and Marie Hanna in India, announcing the birth of a baby girl, Brenda Kay, on June 28th. Both baby and mother are doing fine. Carlisle says, "She looks quite a lot like Sheila."

McINTYRE AND ASSOCIATES

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

THIRD NATIONAL BANK BUILDING

NASHVILLE

July 7, 1954

C E R T I F I C A T E

The Foreign Mission Board of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists
3801 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tennessee

We have examined the statements of cash in bank of The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists as of June 30, 1954 and the related statements of recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash in bank and recorded cash receipts and disbursements present the cash financial position of The Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists at June 30, 1954 and the results of its cash transactions for the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

McINTYRE & ASSOCIATES

BALANCE SHEET
The Board of Foreign Missions of the
National Association of Free Will Baptists
June 30, 1954

Assets

Cash in bank\$13,451.23

Fund Equities

Unexpended funds:

General fund	\$ 8,344.93
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery	3,260.03
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie	82.76
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna	345.32
Mrs. Harold Stevens	84.75
Miss Volena Wilson	25.00
Miss Lucy Wisehart	535.76
Cuba fund	25.00
Lights for Cuba fund	1,613.72
Sale of miscellaneous books	6.00

14,323.27

Overexpended funds:

Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk	\$ 405.86
Book, "A Modern Jonah"	
sales during year	\$1,269.75
Less: Printing costs	1,735.93

466.18

872.04

\$13,451.23

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For the period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Explanation	Details	Details	Amount
Cash in Bank, June 15, 1953	\$	\$	\$11,532.02
Receipts			73,601.09

85,133.11

Total to be accounted for.....

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions:

India	19,200.00	
Cuba	30,995.78	
Africa	964.41	51,160.19

Travel and promotional:

Unified program	4,152.49	
Directors' expenses	599.80	
Itinerary work expense	1,032.50	
Tracts	147.00	5,931.79

Administrative expenses:

Salaries:

Rev. Raymond Riggs	4,045.00
Office salaries	1,750.00
Printing	3,442.26
Telephone	25.51
Office supplies and expenses	1,480.36
Postage	859.04
Miscellaneous expense	725.51

EFMA membership	130.00	
Accounting fees	220.00	12,677.68
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Other expenses:		
Exchange payments	1,177.96	
Miss Laura B. Barnard	59.26	
Cuban roof	500.00	
Lucy Wisehart	155.00	
Dresser fund	20.00	1,912.22
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Total disbursements		71,681.88
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Cash in bank, June 30, 1954		\$13,451.23

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

For period June 15, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Explanation	Details	Details	Amount
Contribution applied on states' quotas:			
General		\$61,238.51	
Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery		557.17	
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel R. Cronk		885.14	
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Phenicie		758.36	
Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna		2,643.48	
Rec. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey		156.75	
Mrs. Harold Stevens		1,041.16	
Mrs. Laura Belle Barnard		165.26	
Miss Volena Wilson		865.00	
Miss Lucy Wisehart		1,205.66	
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Total contributions applied on states' quotas			\$69,516.49
Contributions not applied on states' quotas:			
Lights for Cuba fund		2,381.72	
Cuba fund		113.00	
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Total contributions not applied on states' quotas			2,494.72
Other receipts:			
Sale of books:			
"His Name Among All Nations"	30.00		
"A Modern Jonah"	1,269.75	1,299.75	
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Miscellaneous sales and receipts		290.13	
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Total other receipts			1,589.88
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Total cash receipts			\$73,601.09

STATEMENT OF STATE QUOTAS AND AMOUNTS CONTRIBUTED THERETO

	State Quotas	Contributions Received	Receipts Over Quota	Receipts Under Quota
Alabama	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,701.04	\$ 201.04	\$
Arkansas	1,100.00	2,102.27	1,002.27	
California	800.00	1,424.22	624.22	
Florida	1,000.00	736.65		263.35
Georgia	2,500.00	2,669.13	169.13	
Illinois	3,300.00	2,195.17		1,104.83
Kentucky	1,600.00	1,399.37		200.63
Michigan	8,000.00	9,761.09	1,761.09	
Mississippi	1,000.00	966.94		33.06

Missouri	9,000.00	6,942.02		2,057.98
New Mexico	150.00	95.00		55.00
North Carolina	14,000.00	15,186.41	1,186.41	
Ohio	2,000.00	2,063.72	63.72	
Oklahoma	5,500.00	5,075.68		424.32
South Carolina	3,600.00	3,118.33		481.67
Tennessee	6,500.00	7,355.98	855.98	
Texas	3,500.00	1,971.55		1,528.45
Virginia	1,800.00	1,574.95		225.05
West Virginia	2,000.00	1,536.29		436.71
Miscellaneous	6,150.00	1,447.07		4,702.93
W. N. A. C. (See note)		193.61	193.61	

Totals	\$75,000.00	\$69,516.49	\$ 6,057.47	\$11,540.98
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NOTE: Receipts on behalf of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention totaled \$1,133.07 for the period, of which \$939.46 was credited to state quotas.

NOTE: On the day after we closed our books, \$558.62 was received from the state of Oklahoma which was more than enough to make their quota—however this amount will go toward next year's quota which is a great start.

Twelve Years of Progress — Foreign Mission Receipts

1942-43	\$ 6,000	1946-47	\$24,000	1950-51	\$55,000
1943-44	\$10,000	1947-48	\$30,000	1951-52	\$60,000
1944-45	\$12,000	1948-49	\$36,000	1952-53	\$65,000
1945-46	\$18,000	1949-50	\$40,000	1953-54	\$70,000

Report of Board of Home Missions

This has been a banner year for our National Home Mission program in every sense of the word. Perhaps this may sound presumptuous, but please believe me when I say that we make this statement only after having expressed our deep and full-hearted gratitude to our Lord Jesus Christ and to our Free Will Baptist people.

This past year has been something of an experiment, inasmuch as it marks the first attempt at a full-time Home Missionary program. While there have been adjustments to make and errors to correct, your Board feels that the experiment has proved successful, and with your consent will continue this same type program through the coming year.

Account of Work

From September, 1953 through June, 1954, the Home Mission Board conducted special itineraries in the following states: Arkansas, California, Oklahoma, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Michigan and Mississippi. Conferences on Home Missions and Evangelism were held in Chipley and Quincy, Florida; Elizabethton, Tennessee; and Davis, North Carolina. These conferences were aimed at sparking evangelistic efforts and informing our people about our Home Mission program. Many more are planned for this year in various localities across the nation. Much work in publicity has been done, with thousands of pieces of literature going out, along with a monthly newsletter which has been circulated to everyone on the mailing list.

Progress

Since August, 1952, there has been an average of one new Free Will Baptist church organized every five days, for a total of 146. Unaffiliated churches which

have been located account for 56 more, giving a grand total of 202 organizations in less than two years. Not all of these have affiliated as yet with us but it is fairly certain that they will do so. We now have churches in 39 of the 48 states, with an organization pending in Des Moines, Iowa, which will add the 40th state. This is a far cry from the 15 states reported in 1944; just ten years ago.

During the past years, our Home Mission efforts have been in the direction of organizing new churches. This year we have added to that the idea of locating Free Will Baptist churches that once were affiliated but were taken from us by the 1910 merger. Among others we have found four churches in northeast Maine which are going to come into our fellowship as soon as we can send workers to lead them. In addition we know of others in New Hampshire, New York, and Pennsylvania, as well as Maryland and Rhode Island. Reports as yet unconfirmed indicate other Free Will Baptist churches in areas that we have not had time to investigate.

Home Mission Teams

A field in which the National Association has not ventured since its organization has been explored this year, and we await your final permission before actually going ahead. That is the sending out of Home Missionary Teams to needy fields. We have taken for granted that you will give us the green light and have tentatively employed Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Lee, Jr., to go to Elm Island Church in Denman, Nebraska, (our only Free Will Baptist church in the state) and Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong to go to Ybor City, Tampa, Florida, to work among the Cubans. Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester Crawford are on standby basis for work in Oregon as soon as the field opens up. These people will be commissioned at this session of the National Association and will go on the field in August and September, according to their respective plans. We propose to pay them a salary of \$200 per month plus \$40 per month on housing. As finance permits we will be sending out other teams to the many needy places in the homeland.

Work as a Comity Committee

According to the instructions of the National Association given to the Home Mission Board last year at Mt. Vernon, we have met with the representatives of the General Baptist National Conference; once in Nashville, on March 30, and again in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, on April 23. Together with them we are proposing, not a merger, but a Fellowship organization to be called The National Arminian Baptist Fellowship. There will be no property of either denomination involved and no denomination functions or programs affected. We propose a fellowship for interchange of ideas, mutual endeavor in common fields, and a welding and strengthening of Arminian Baptist groups who will join us. Presented herewith is the Statement of Faith to which each member-body will be asked to subscribe:

Statement of Faith for Arminian Baptist Fellowship

1. The Scriptures.—We believe that the Scriptures, the Old and New Testaments, are the inspired Word of God, and are the only safe rule of faith and practice.
2. The Godhead.—We believe in the Divine Trinity; God the Father, the only true and living God; God the Son, manifested in Jesus Christ; and God, the Holy Spirit.
3. Depravity and Redemption.—We believe that man is fallen and depraved and that he can be saved only by faith in Christ, who made atonement

for sin by His death on the cross. Thus man becomes regenerated, or born from above, through the blood of Jesus Christ.

4. Sanctification.—We believe that sanctification is initial at regeneration and continues progressively throughout the Christian experience, becoming final and complete in heaven.
5. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.—We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances divinely appointed to be observed in the churches and that only believers in Christ are qualified to partake of them. Baptism is by immersion only and the Lord's Supper is to be offered to all Christians, regardless of denominational affiliation. Note: Many of the denominations include Feet Washing as a church ordinance and it is understood that this is to be optional with each member group making up this body.
6. Freedom of the Will and Possibility of Apostacy.—We believe that God has made every provision for man's salvation, but that the free moral agency of man is unimpaired by these provisions of grace, so that it is possible for the child of God to turn away and be finally lost.
7. Return of Christ, Resurrection, Judgment.—We believe in the Second Coming of Christ; in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and the unjust, every man in his own order—those who have done good to the resurrection of life and those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation; and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ.
8. Lord's Day.—We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week, or Lord's Day, and that it ought to be observed in public or private worship of God.

Financial Report

Home Mission income for 1953-54 increased 300% over last year. Our total deposits reached \$25,489.62 for a per capita rate of 8.3 cents per member based on 300,000 Free Will Baptists. This compares quite favorably with the 2.7c per capita of last year. The state of Tennessee tops the list with \$2,546.19 or approximately 30 cents per capita. Oklahoma stands next with \$2,146.69. California rates first in per capita gifts to Home Missions with nearly 40 cents per member.

Disbursements have been overly great due to three main reasons:

- 1). The setting up and completely equipping of a national office.
- 2). Added travel necessary to line up the program out on the field.
- 3). The unusual amount of help needed in establishing retail outlets for merchandise.

We will be able to operate much more economically next year and at the same time greatly increase our efficiency.

Following is our financial report. Let me add that our books are open for your examination at any and all times in our Nashville office.

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 22, 1953 — June 30, 1954

State	Quota	Paid	Balance	Over
Alabama	\$ 900.00	\$ 687.98	\$ 212.02	
Arizona	200.00		200.00	
Arkansas	600.00	811.60		211.60
California	800.00	1,046.32		246.32
Florida	700.00	322.09	377.91	
Georgia	1,000.00	1,206.24		206.24
Idaho	100.00	40.00	60.00	
Illinois	1,000.00	705.36	294.64	
Kentucky	700.00	235.59	464.41	

Louisiana	100.00		100.00	
Michigan	1,500.00	786.23	713.77	
Mississippi	700.00	558.29	141.71	
Missouri	2,000.00	592.75	1,407.25	
New Mexico	100.00	10.00	90.00	
North Carolina	2,000.00	1,443.50	556.50	
South Carolina	1,000.00	252.77	747.23	
Ohio	300.00	55.56	244.44	
Oklahoma	2,000.00	2,146.69		146.69
Oregon	100.00	24.20	75.80	
Tennessee	1,500.00	2,546.19		1,046.19
Texas	700.00	360.88	339.12	
Virginia	1,000.00	168.51	831.49	
West Virginia	1,000.00	63.98	936.02	
Miscellaneous	5,000.00	11,424.89		6,424.89
	<u>\$25,000.00</u>	<u>\$25,489.62</u>	<u>\$ 7,792.31</u>	<u>\$ 8,281.93</u>

Receipts

Received from States on Quotas	\$14,064.73
Received from sale of merchandise	3,360.70
Miscellaneous receipts	8,064.19
Total	\$25,489.62

Disbursements

Printing and advertising	\$ 1,145.66
Office equipment and supplies	1,222.35
Secretarial service	1,200.00
Office help	353.74
Salary	5,600.00
Paid to National Association (Exe. Dept.)	1,000.00
Paid for receptionist, utilities, pro-rata Headquarters expense	1,036.13
Refunds	58.50
Addressing Machine for mailing room	121.26
Travel expense	3,176.09
Postage	550.17
New churches	1,975.00
Merchandise	3,159.39
Miscellaneous	275.27
Telegraph and Telephone	29.16

Total	\$20,902.72
Balance June 30, 1954—	
Cash balance—(on deposit at W. Nash, Branch 1st	
American National Bank)	\$ 4,586.90
Accounts receivable	761.80
Inventory accounts of merchandise on hand	3,116.75
Total	\$ 8,465.45

Assets

Office furnishings	\$ 500.00
Office machines and equipment	618.50
Total	\$ 1,118.50

Proposed Budget for 1954-55

Salaries	\$ 7,600.00
Promotional and Travel	2,500.00
Printing and Advertising	2,000.00
Utilities and office expense	500.00

Executive Department	1,000.00
Three Mission stations	8,640.00
New churches	5,500.00
Loan fund	3,750.00
Reserve fund	2,960.00
Postage and mailing	1,800.00
Miscellaneous	1,250.00

Total\$37,500.00

STATE HOME MISSIONS QUOTAS FOR 1954-55

Alabama	\$ 1,000.00	North Carolina	2,500.00
Arizona	200.00	Ohio	850.00
Arkansas	1,200.00	Oklahoma	2,500.00
California	1,200.00	Oregon	100.00
Florida	2,400.00	South Carolina	1,200.00
Georgia	1,500.00	Tennessee	2,500.00
Idaho	100.00	Texas	1,000.00
Illinois	1,200.00	Virginia	1,000.00
Kentucky	1,000.00	West Virginia	1,000.00
Louisiana	200.00	Sale of Merchandise	3,700.00
Michigan	1,750.00	Pledges	3,900.00
Mississippi	1,000.00	Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Missouri	2,400.00		
New Mexico	100.00	Total	\$37,500.00

Report of National Superannuation Board

We respectfully submit the following report:

The Board has operated during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, and ending June 30, 1954, under the constitution and directives of the National Association. The Board has total of 57 "Endowment-at-Age 70" retirement policies representing an amount of \$80,000 in retirement benefits to ministers and missionaries within our ranks.

We submit the following financial report of our operations: (See attached treasurer's report.)

We offer the following observations for your consideration:

1. That too few of our ministers and Christian workers are availing themselves of the benefits of the program.

2. That support from the field has been drastically curtailed during the year. This curtailment, together with the increase in policies and the heavy demands of the National Executive Office, has entailed an expenditure by the Board in excess of its receipts in the amount of \$2,284.48.

3. That, under existing policies and practices, the Board's operation is endangered as to meeting its obligations during the next year.

Therefore, the Board offers the following recommendation to the National Association:

That the National Association endorse the proposed practice of the Board of asking that the employer of the insured make annual contribution of the insured make annual contribution to the Board in an amount equal to the annual contribution of the insured, thereby safeguarding the soundness of the Superannuation program, and making provision for expansion of the program as a result of the offerings that may come to the Board from other sources.

The Board offers the following budget for the fiscal year 1954-1955:

For Premiums and Applications	\$3,500.00
For Traveling expense of Board Members	600.00
For Secretarial Service	180.00
For Office Supplies and Equipment	200.00
For Publicity and Promotion	600.00

Total Proposed Budget\$5,080.00

Signed: DAVID W. HANSLEY, *Chairman*

J. O. FORT, *Sec.-Treas.*

F. A. RIVENBARK

TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

July 1, 1953-June 30, 1954

Balance Brought forward, July 1, 1953\$ 4,495.02

Receipts

Premiums and Applications	\$ 1,125.37
Alabama	52.82
Florida	47.88
Georgia	195.80
Kentucky	22.50
Michigan	53.10
Mississippi	51.72
Missouri	76.20
North Carolina	385.38
South Carolina	31.65
Tennessee (Woman's Auxiliary)	15.00
Texas (Woman's Auxiliary)	1.35
Virginia	19.63
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention	10.00
Refunds from Ministers Life and Casualty Union	9.58

Total Receipts for Year\$ 2,097.98 2,097.98

Total Receipts plus Balance\$ 6,593.00

Disbursements

To Ministers Life and Casualty Union, Premiums and Ap- plications	\$ 2,306.99
To Traveling Expense of Board Members	555.30
To Secretarial Service	138.00
To Office Supplies and Expense	97.50
To National Executive Office	1,300.00
To Refunds on Applications	4.79
To C. A. Huckaby, Promotional Work	12.00

Total Expense for Year\$ 4,414.58

Less check to M.L.C.U. for Premium on Policy No. GA-
22100, Dated 11-2-1953. Check Lost and Cancelled 32.12

Adjusted Disbursements\$ 4,382.46 4,382.46

Balance on Hand June 30, 1954\$ 2,210.54

Signed: J. O. FORT, *Treasurer*

Report of Board of Publication and Literature

Greetings:

We have published no new books this year; however, we have had a reprint of 5,000 copies of the National Treatise printed. We had new type set in order to make better print.

We are about ready to print a history of the Free Will Baptist church. For nearly four years we have been gathering, bit by bit, facts from the various states and Yearly Meetings—facts that we think will be interesting information to all who are interested in historical facts.

Your board secured the services of Rev. G. W. Million, a man of God, who has been gathering these facts for years. Some of your board has helped to secure minutes of various organizations, such as State Conventions, Yearly Meetings, Quarterly Meetings, and words from individuals who have been alert to preserving history. Brother Million informs your chairman that he has enough manuscript now for 500 pages of book size.

Manuscript is ready for that long-awaited-for Manual, or Special Services for Ministers. We were ordered to have this book printed last April, but on investigation, we have been unable to secure a printer who could do the whole job, as we want a good leather cover with proper sewing in the making of the book. The lowest price that we have received is 48c per copy for the cover. Ministers do not want a cheap affair to use on special occasions. We want something that is as good as any other denomination.

Every board of the National Association is free to publish what they please, and where they please, and every board is a publisher. Even the College prints their own bulletin, as the head authority sees fit. But the Board of Publication and Literature is bound by an edict or By-Law of 1933 that stipulates that all printed matter shall be done by our denominational presses. These presses are good for small booklets and such literature as can be stapled, but they are not prepared to sew and cover books. In other words, they are not BOOK MAKERS. Therefore, we recommend that the Board of Publication and Literature be allowed to, when necessary for large books to be published, have the same privilege as the other boards to have work done by BOOK MAKERS; however, that as far as possible, we patronize our own denominational presses, and abide by the By-Laws of 1943.

Humbly submitted by your Board,

J. C. GRIFFIN, *Chairman*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLICATIONS AND LITERATURE June 16, 1953 to June 30, 1954

Receipts

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 788.36
Royalty on 2,000 Treatise	240.00
Sunday School 6-point System and Percentage on Books—Gem Press	16.05
Sale of Books 1953 Book Store	190.57
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	\$ 1,234.98

Expenditures

Gem Press for Printing "Quack Doctor"	\$ 288.00
Travel and Expenses of Board Members	125.24
Zondervan Publishing House	121.13
Moody Press	34.64
Rev. J. C. Griffin, Free Will Baptist Press, Books	31.80
Harper Brothers Bibles	30.96
Free Will Baptist Press, Treatise	12.50
Gem Press, "Quack Doctor"	10.60
Miss Bell Typing for Bro. Griffin	5.00
Sword of the Lord, Books	12.80
Postage	9.55

Balance June 30, 1954	\$ 682.22
Value 6-point Sunday School Record Plates	\$ 552.76
Value Books on Hand	\$ 200.00
Books on Consignment	537.35
Interest in Books and Sunday School Records, Approximately	186.00
	255.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,731.11

L. E. DUNCAN, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Report of the National Sunday School Board

Greetings in the name of Christ:

Herewith is a report of the activities of your Board for the past year with plans for the future.

The National Sunday School Convention was held as planned at the Loyal Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, Tenn., in the month of August. The attendance was not as good as we had hoped but the interest ran high, and we believe that the work of the Sunday school in our denomination is going forward.

We were unable to secure a promotional man for the past year, but suitable plans and a contract has been signed with the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina, whereby seven and one-half per cent of the gross receipts of literature published by the Press will be given to the Sunday School Board to promote Sunday school work.

All the Sunday school literature published by the Press is written by our own Free Will Baptist people, secured or recommended by your board, and we recommend its use by our people everywhere.

We have secured the Rev. William Mishler, present chairman of this board, as our promotional secretary. He will move to Nashville, Tenn., September 1, 1954, to take up his duties.

Our budget for the next year is as follows:

Salary of Promotional Secretary	\$ 4,420.00
Office Expense, Publicity	1,080.00

Travel expense of Promotional Secretary and Board Members to Special Called Meetings	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>

Humbly submitted:

WILLIAM MISHLER, *Chairman*

JOHN H. WEST, *Secretary*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

July 13, 1954

Received of Rev. Wm. Mishler	\$ 382.45
Miscellaneous	7.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 389.45</u>
Paid Out:	
Rev. Wm. Mishler	\$ 46.31
Free Will Baptist Press 11, 21, 53	40.00
Rev. Wm. Mishler (Travel)	79.94
Rev. LaVerne Miley (Travel)	76.38
First Free Will Baptist Tulsa (Phone)	6.20
Rev. Charles Sapp (Travel)	60.00
Rev. John H. West (Travel, Phone, etc.)	50.00
Total Paid Out	<u>\$ 358.83</u>
Receipts	\$ 389.45
Paid Out	<u>358.83</u>
Balance	\$ 30.62

JOHN H. WEST, *Treasurer*

Report of the Free Will Baptist League Board

The work of the Free Will Baptist League has enjoyed its best year in every way. We list the following achievements:

1. The setting up of the National office in the Headquarters Building.
2. The successful completion of the campaign, "Lights for Cuba," in which we paid for the electric power line to the mission station in Cuba.
3. A highly successful Nationwide League Conference held in June which was attended by nearly 700 people from 17 states.
4. The negotiation of a contract with the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C., in which the National Free Will Baptist League Board will receive 7½% of gross proceeds from the sale of all league literature published for them. This will amount to approximately \$100 per month. The board is already receiving a royalty of 10c per copy on the sale of F. W. B. League manuals.

The financial report and the proposed budget for next year follows this report.

FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1953—July 1, 1954

Balance brought forward July 1, 1953\$ 53.18

Receipts

Regular offerings	\$ 1,375.13
Sixth Nationwide League Conference offerings	274.57
Sale of League Pins	143.49
Subscriptions to the FWBL MONTHLY	307.00
Royalties on League Manuals	56.90
"Lights for Cuba" fund	1,761.27
Sword Drill Costumes	12.00
"Moving to Headquarters" fund	386.06
Cumberland League Convention	81.05
Personal Loan from Third National Bank	930.00
"Chapel for Cuba" fund	5.00
Miscellaneous Sales	55.14

Total\$ 5,387.61

Total receipts plus balance brought forward\$ 5,440.79

Disbursements

Bank Service	\$ 6.00
Postage and Mailing	134.75
Equipment	618.16
Printing	100.00
Secretarial Services	601.51
Promotional Services	900.00
Supplies	164.78
"Lights for Cuba" fund	1,618.67
Headquarters Expenses	343.78
"Lights for Cuba" Expenses	36.39
League Conference Expenses	295.41
Miscellaneous Expenses	53.39

Total\$ 4,872.84

Receipts plus balance brought forward\$ 5,440.79

Less Disbursements4,872.84

Balance in National League Board Treasury July 1, 1954\$ 567.95

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

July 1, 1954, to June 30, 1955

Estimated Income for the Year\$ 4,000.00

Proposed Expenditures for the Year:

Postage and Mailing	\$ 150.00
Supplies	100.00
Equipment	100.00
Headquarters Rent	360.00
Promotional Service	900.00
Secretarial Service	1,200.00

Payments on Bank Note	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	190.00	
Total Proposed Expenditures for the Year		\$ 4,000.00

Report of Radio-TV Board

<i>Expenditures</i>		
Debt on machine	\$	300.00
Shipping expense		13.00
Postage and stationary		1.20
Interest and other expenses incurred for disposal of equipment		15.90
	\$	330.10
<i>Receipts</i>		
Offering	\$	83.00
Gift		10.00
From sale of equipment (Bible College)		236.90
	\$	329.90
Balance	\$.00

It seemed impossible to continue the work in our field at the present time so we have disposed of our equipment to pay off the debt. We are glad that the equipment is still in the denomination though, since the denomination has already put quite a bit of money in it.

We hope that at a later date we can revive our work and have radio and television programs that our people will be proud of. Pray for our board as we plan for the future.

RADIO-TV BOARD

J. D. O'DONNELL, *Secretary-Treasurer*
209 17th Street South
Columbus, Mississippi

Report of the Executive Secretary

As we reflect on the marvelous achievements of our great denomination this past year, we are compelled to echo the words of Asaph in the Psalms, "Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people" (Psalm 77:14).

Only when we believe that our God is the one who can do wonders—even above those things which we can imagine—are we able to account for the miraculous growth in both the material and spiritual realms which we have been privileged to witness this year. "Not by might or power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord," and he has proven it so among us.

Practically every department of the National Association will report solid financial gains over previous years, but this is not the most striking demonstration of God's power and presence among us. The fires of evangelism and revival, which are no longer dreams or hopes, have at last begun to blaze in answer to

much praying. Across our denomination we are feeling new surgings of His power and each day we are learning better how to let God use us. The financial gains are but material evidences of the inward working of the Holy Spirit and the increase of our consecration and devotion.

After the convention last year, denominational leaders met and discussed our needs and agreed that the major emphasis should be placed on a spiritual revitalizing, and God has honored because we placed first things first.

"Let Him Be Servant . . ."

The work of the Executive Department has been varied this year. We have tried, however, to make this department a service agency for the entire denomination. We can best discuss this by taking up our activities one by one.

Last year at the convention a recommendation calling for a national publication was unanimously adopted. It was a step of great faith for we didn't have the first subscription or pledge. In this project the Lord has marvellously blessed, however, for last week Vol. 1, No. 9 of *Contact*, the official publication of this National Association, went into the mails to 3,596 subscribers. Truly, ours is the God that does wonders. You will notice in the financial report, that the *Contact* account has a healthy balance as of July 1.

Our second sphere of activity in the department has been the managing of the headquarters building. If there were any misgivings last year about the purchase of headquarters property, they have all vanished now. The fact that we are now centrally located seems to have aided tremendously in unifying our work in some 26 states. This year five departments have carried on their promotion and service from headquarters. These are the Executive Department, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, League Board, and Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. These departments have distributed between 125,000 and 150,000 pieces of mail since last September 1. The Sunday School Board plans to open a full-time office at headquarters on September 1.

The headquarters building has been quite a heavy financial item this year and ran a deficit of over \$1,750, as the financial report will show. Most of this deficit was for redecorating and repair which will not be necessary again for several years.

The newest service to be offered by the Executive Department is the Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service, which was started July 1. The service has been received with acclaim and enthusiasm. We have already received orders for 35,000 bulletin folders a month from sixty churches. We expect to show a deficit for a short while, but will put the service in the black when we increase the circulation to 40,000 bulletins a month. The promotional and publicity value of these bulletins for the Free Will Baptist cause cannot be measured in dollars and cents, however.

Last, but most certainly not least, is "The Prayer Fellowship" which was started by the department last fall. We have issued attractive, membership cards to several hundred people who have pledged to pray with us daily for the cause. The headquarters staff joins this group each morning at nine in the conference room for devotions and prayer. Rev. C. F. Bowen conducts the Prayer Fellowship column in *Contact* each month. The strength of these daily prayers from hundreds of our people has been felt in every area of our work. God has honored this fellowship.

Cooperation Outside the Denomination

I should like to discuss this topic in terms of at least three organizations. The first of these is the National Association of Evangelicals, with which we have been

affiliated for several years. As a matter of fact, we are one of the largest denominations which hold membership in NAE. Despite this, our financial support of this organization has been very meager, and oftentimes nothing.

We are privileged to have Rev. George Ford, associate executive director of NAE, with us at this convention and perhaps he will be able to tell us what our financial obligations are to NAE. I strongly urge that we make some arrangements for bearing our part of the responsibility or else withdraw from the organization. I would not advise this latter course, but use it to add emphasis to the fact that it is not right to maintain membership in an organization and fail to share the financial burden.

Our association with the American Bible Society is of a more recent nature since it was just last December that the executive secretary went to the Advisory Council meeting at the Bible House in New York at the invitation of the Society. He came away thoroughly convinced that this non-sectarian organization, which has as its purpose the translation, printing and distribution of the Scriptures without note or comment in every tongue, is worthy of our support. Forty-eight denominations are now regularly supporting its work in an official way. Many of our churches and members support individually, but we have never taken steps to officially approve and support its ministry.

I recommend that the executive secretary be instructed to work with the Society in a campaign among our churches on December 7, 1954, which is Universal Bible Sunday, with the view in mind of soon incorporating the Society into the denominational budget. We are privileged to have Rev. Albert C. Johnson, representative of the Society, at this convention.

The Home Mission Board is working with the General Baptists toward an Armenian Baptist Fellowship, and will make a report on their progress at this session. Still nothing is being done, however, toward establishing a fraternal relationship with other Free Will Baptist groups. With no thought in mind of a merger, I would recommend that the Home Mission Board visit these groups whose doctrines and practices are in harmony with this National Association of Free Will Baptists and report their findings to the national association.

And Now, the Future

Since we serve "the God that doest wonders," we stand thrilled at the opportunities before us. We have no fear, only faith.

The Executive Committee has recommended a campaign to begin next January 1 and climax at the annual convention to wipe out the denominational debt. The campaign, which will be for \$15,000, will completely pay for the headquarters property and leave the denomination debt-free.

As we look to the future, it seems that we have two great denominational needs. One of these needs is for some long-range planning. For many years we have been content with simply doing the things which were pressing and momentarily expedient. We have waited until opportunities were "dropped in our laps" rather than striving to create opportunities so that we might take advantage of them for the glory of God.

Since it is easy to recognize the need for this long-range planning for the entire denominational program, I recommend the election of a Planning Commission composed of ten members to serve for three years who will formulate plans and

goals for the next five, ten and fifteen year periods toward which the denomination may strive.

Another great need is for more uniformity among us on the national, state, district and local level in our church government and policy. There are many important questions which need studying and clarifying. Among these are questions of district and state organizations, licensing and ordaining of ministers, a policy about divorces in the ministry and others which our constituency could suggest. While the National Association would not presume to set itself up as a dictatorial body, it should adopt an official policy on these things which could serve as a guide for action on the local level.

Therefore, I recommend the election of a Polity Committee who would study such questions as might come before it and report back to the 1955 conventions its suggestions.

Serving you this year has been the greatest privilege afforded me, because we have served under a God which does wonders.

Prayerfully submitted,

W. S. MOONEYHAM

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Operational and Promotional

Salaries	\$ 6,200.00
Receptionist	250.00
Utilities	175.00
Telephone	250.00
Printing	1,200.00
Office supplies	125.00
Office expense	150.00
Office equipment	350.00
Postage	300.00
Mailing supplies	120.00
Travel for secretary	900.00
Travel for Executive Committee	500.00

	\$10,520.00
Accounts payable, July 1, 1954	1,522.00

TOTAL \$12,042.00

Headquarters Building

Mortgage payments	\$ 1,740.00
Building and repair	250.00
Apartment upkeep	100.00
Insurance	50.00

	\$ 2,140.00
Accounts payable, June 15, 1955	4,500.00

TOTAL \$ 6,640.00

Contact

Printing	\$ 3,200.00
Engravings	300.00

Postage	50.00	
Promotion	350.00	
	<u>\$ 3,850.00</u>	
Accounts payable, July 1, 1954	379.14	
TOTAL		\$ 4,129.14
<i>Bulletin Service</i>		
Printing	\$ 3,600.00	
Pictures	250.00	
Postage	500.00	
	<u>\$ 4,350.00</u>	
Accounts payable, July 1, 1954	270.00	
TOTAL		\$ 4,620.00
GRAND TOTAL		\$27,431.14

FINANCIAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
September 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954
OPERATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL

Receipts

Balance brought forward	\$	84.69
From the boards		6,500.00
Bible College	\$1,500.00	
Foreign Missions	3,000.00	
Home Missions	1,000.00	
Superannuation	1,000.00	
Loan from First American National Bank		790.00
Revival offerings and honorariums		825.00
Refund on travel		385.00
From boards in headquarters building for utilities, repair, etc.		2,684.49
Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, furnishings for reception and conference rooms		377.85
Sale of Treatise, yearbooks, advertising pieces, etc.		593.47
Miscellaneous income, including offerings from churches		203.84
Cooperative Plan		1,225.40
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$13,669.74

Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 4,693.33
Moving secretary	291.63
Travel expense of secretary	1,048.06
(\$385 of this was refunded as shown above)	
Travel expense of Executive Committee	663.06
Utilities for headquarters building	1,401.19
Printing	1,222.28
Office equipment	934.71
Office supplies	75.28
Office expense	156.80
Postage and permits	277.04

Mailing supplies	357.61
Loan payments and interest	809.00
Receptionist salary	867.92
Advertising for National Association	423.31
Miscellaneous	135.44
Loan to Free Will Baptist Bulletin Service	200.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$13,556.66

Balance, July 1, 1954 \$ 113.08

Accounts payable for Operational and Promotional:

The Harvey Co., balance on draperies	54.10
Free Will Baptist Press, printing minutes 1952 and 1953	856.00
McGhee Displays, bumper strips for national association	150.00
Taylor Impressions Company, balance on addressing machine	60.63
Curley Printing Company	401.61

Total accounts payable \$ 1,522.34

Accounts receivable for Operational and Promotional:

WNAC, printing convention program 60.95

HEADQUARTERS FUND

Receipts

Campaign conducted in fall of 1953	\$ 1,225.20
Rent from apartments	711.50
Loan from First American National Bank	4,432.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 6,369.20

Disbursements

Mortgage payments	6,069.84
Fidelity Federal Savings	\$1,595.00
Rev. Henry Melvin	4,474.84
Apartment furniture and upkeep	157.66
Building and repair	1,047.73
Insurance	48.98
Redecorating	799.03

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 8,123.24

Accounts payable for Headquarters Fund:

First American National Bank, due June 15, 1955 4,500.00

CONTACT FUND

Receipts

Subscriptions	\$ 3,870.80
Subsidy from boards	1,050.00
Foreign Mission Board	\$ 300.00
WNAC	300.00
Home Mission Board	150.00
Superannuation Board	300.00
Refunds on postage and engravings	136.42
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,057.22

Disbursements

Printing, engravings, postage, etc.	\$ 2,048.98
Balance, July 1	3,008.24
Accounts payable for <i>Contact</i> : Curley Printing Company, June issue	379.14
TOTAL RECEIPTS IN ALL FUNDS	25,096.16
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS IN ALL FUNDS	23,728.88

On deposit in First American National Bank, Centennial Park Branch, Nashville, Tenn., July 1, 1954	\$ 1,367.28
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BULLETIN SERVICE

Receipts

Loan from General Fund of Executive Department	\$ 200.00
Subscriptions	9.95
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 209.95

Disbursements

Printing and supplies	40.96
Pictures for bulletin covers	90.00
Postage	16.21
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 147.17
Balance on deposit, July 1, 1954	62.78
Accounts payable for Bulletin Service: Curley Printing Company, printing July bulletins	270.00
Accounts receivable for Bulletin Service: Subscriptions for July bulletins	304.00

Report of the National Woman's Auxiliary

TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
July 1, 1953 to July 1, 1954

Number Registered at this Convention	476
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Number of Woman's Auxiliary Organizations	332
Number of Members July 1, 1953	9,410
Number of New Members	948
Total Membership July 1, 1954	9,788
Increase in Membership for this year	378

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash in Bank July 1, 1953	\$ 2,199.56
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Receipts

Literature	\$6,769.20
Co-Laborer Band Fund	2,514.39
Furnishings for Conference Rooms and Reception Rooms	606.10
Convention Dues	372.02

Other Funds	1,892.90
Cronk Repatriation Fund	140.34
Total Receipts	12,294.95
Grand Total	\$14,494.51

Disbursements

Printing	\$3,571.18	\$
Foreign Missions	2,166.02	
Home Missions	507.03	
Bible College	661.35	
Superannuation	1.35	
Postage	1,146.23	
Salaries & Manuscripts	1,716.78	
Travel & Prom.	1,248.96	
Misc. Furnishings, Refunds, Nat. Exec. Dept., etc.	2,086.31	
Total Disbursements	13,105.21	

Balance in Treasury July 1, 1954	\$ 1,389.30
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SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Orphanage	\$ 2,231.90
Foreign Missions	4,056.82
Home Missions	701.01
F. W. B. Bible College	1,554.96
Ministerial Relief	64.25
Local Church Work	6,375.66
Total Special Offering Received	\$14,973.70

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY REPORT

1. *Study Classes Conducted:* Stewardship, 133; Missions, 230; Evangelism, 121; "Manual of Methods," 107; total number of study classes conducted, 648
2. Number of auxiliaries observing seasons of prayer, 695.
3. *Youth Auxiliaries Sponsored:* Boys' Auxiliaries (BA), 12.
4. Number of new tithers, 409.
5. Number W. N. A. C. Auxiliaries engaged in direct personal work, 139; number engaged regularly, 1,362; number of soul-winning efforts made, 1816; number of souls won as a result of directed work, 438.
6. Standard "A-1" Auxiliaries, 12.
7. Stewardship Declamation Contests held, 4. (Missouri, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.)

This report was made possible by the following cooperating states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, and Virginia.

I'm sure that you will rejoice with me in that "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." The victory portrayed here represents the faith of thousands of Christian women throughout the states.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ROBERT CRAWFORD, *President*

Constitution of the National Association

AS REVISED BY THE 1954 SESSION AT SPARTANBURG, SOUTH CAROLINA

From experience we, the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and revealing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as a church; and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better denominational government.

ARTICLE I

Name—This organization shall be known as the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II

Purpose—The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various bodies composing the National Association, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various bodies in the Association, or that may be hereafter represented therein.

ARTICLE III

Composition—This National Association shall be composed of its general officers, the members of all standing boards, or committees, the duly appointed delegates of Free Will Baptist organizations which actively promote and support the work of the Association and all ordained ministers and missionaries who belong to general bodies which are affiliated with this National Association.

ARTICLE IV

Representation—Representation in the National Association is to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to ten delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations or yearly meetings in the state; and in addition to the ten delegates, each district association or yearly meeting in the state shall be entitled to five delegates; and in addition each local association, union, or quarterly meeting in the state shall be entitled to three delegates. Associations in the state which have no higher organization in that state and those whose higher organization is not affiliated with the National Association shall elect and send their delegates directly to the National Association.

ARTICLE V

Financing—Each State Association representing in this body shall send the sum of \$10.00 with \$5.00 extra for each District Association composing the said State Association or Convention. The district or subordinate associations representing directly shall send the sum of \$5.00 with their reports.

Section 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 annually plus 5c per mile travel expense to and from sessions of the National Association. Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall receive the same benefits as Moderator or Clerk in the absence of either the Moderator or the Clerk.

ARTICLE VI

Discipline—This National Association shall have the right to settle any question

of discipline, doctrine or practice that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing said organization of the National Association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to the National Association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies, and its decision shall be final. Such appeals are to come before the National Association, after having been appealed from the lower to the next higher body.

Section 2. All appeals coming before the National Association may be settled in either of the following ways: (1) By the National Association when sitting in a committee as a whole. (2) By a special committee whose report shall be voted on without discussion.

ARTICLE VII

Officers—The Officers of this National Association shall consist of a Moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, executive secretary who shall serve as treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

Section 2. Committees, as necessary, shall be appointed by the Chairman unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed, or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VIII

Boards—All standing Boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Standing Boards include the General Board, the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Free Will Baptist League Board, the Board of Superannuation, the Board of Publication and Literature, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Radio and TV, and a Board of Trustees who shall be legal custodians of all property belonging to the National Association except in the case of those Boards of the Association which are now incorporated. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Board of Trustees of the Bible College, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the general officers of the National Association and the chairmen of all standing Boards. There shall also be elected by the National Body one member from each affiliated State Association and one member from each affiliated association comprising one or more than one state. The President of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be an ex-officio member of the Board.

The term of office of those chosen within given State Associations shall be two years; and so constituted that the expiration of the term of office of those residing east of the Mississippi River shall alternate with those residing west of the Mississippi.

Section 3. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the National Association from one regular session to another, and shall also have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the National Association.

Section 4. The General Board shall have power to fill irregular vacancies that

may occur in its own body, and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of the work between sessions of the National Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section 5. The General Board shall organize at its own discretion for the promotion of the work set forth in sections three and four of this article. It is understood that an Executive Committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said General Board is not in session.

Section 6. The duties of the various standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the National Association.

Each standing board shall prepare a budget of its proposed financial expenditures at the beginning of each fiscal year, and present same for approval of the National Association before any expenditures are made for the year.

Section 7. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of his office. No person shall serve on more than one standing board at the same time, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board of which he is an elected member.

ARTICLE IX

A Board of Trustees of not less than nine members nor more than fifteen shall be elected by the National Association and charged with the responsibility of establishing, organizing, controlling, and operating a Free Will Baptist Bible College in the city of Nashville, of the state of Tennessee. It is provided, however, that the first Board of Trustees shall be composed of nine members, who shall be classified and elected in groups of 3's as follows: The terms of office of the first three named shall expire July 15, 1946; the terms of office of the second three named shall expire July 15, 1948; and the terms of office of the last three named shall expire July 15, 1950. Successors in office thereafter shall be elected biennially in groups of 3's, each for a term of six years, and they shall continue in service until their successors have been chosen. Any trustee may be re-elected to office at the option of the National Association.

In addition to the original nine trustees prescribed for the Bible College, the National Association may, at its option, elect six others to membership on the Board; but they shall be elected, two biennially, until six members have been added to the board. These elections shall coincide with the respective biennial elections of the original groups of 3's, and shall, in actual practice, effect or result in a reclassification and biennial election of all trustees in groups of 5's. Under this option, if elected, trustees shall be chosen by the National Association biennially in groups of 5's, each for a term of six years.

The trustees of the Bible College shall have power to apply for and receive a charter of incorporation under the name and style of FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It is provided, however, that the charter of incorporation, as proposed, shall be approved

and authorized by the National Association previous to its submission for registration, and that no revision or amendment thereafter shall be sought without the specific direction of the National Association.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible College shall also have power to organize at will and to create such by-laws as may be deemed essential for their government and for the control, administration, and promotion of the college, consistent with the provisions of its charter of incorporation and the constitution and regulations of the National Association.

ARTICLE X

The National Association shall hold its regular meetings annually, at the time and place announced by the committee appointed by the Association while in session.

ARTICLE XI

Auxiliaries—The National Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be recognized as a subordinate organization to the National Association. They shall organize at their own discretion, and have power to create and adopt their respective constitution and by-laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which they are constituted. The scope and character of the work of these organizations shall conform to the general program and promotional plans of the Association. They shall report their accomplishments annually to the National Association.

ARTICLE XII

Should necessity arise, from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the National Association and the Church as a whole, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by a two-thirds vote, of the full membership of the said General Board, providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose, and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

ARTICLE XIII

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the National Association by a two-thirds vote of members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

