

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**MISSION ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**— 1952 —**

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**

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**CONVENED WITH**  
**MOUNTAIN GROVE CHURCH**

*Riggs MA 9172*



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented By*

Rev. Glen Lewis

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Held With The

Mtn. Grove Church, at Mtn. Grove, Missouri, beginning on  
Thursday morning, August 7, 1952.

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator .....	Rev. Leonard Keys
Assistant Moderator .....	Rev. Lester Lawler
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Lloyd Walls
Assistant Clerk .....	Myrtle Pembroke

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. Howard Barr .....	1957
Dea. Chas. Franklin .....	1956
Dea. Burl Haliburton .....	1955
Rev. Fred Wynn .....	1954
Rev. Homer Smith .....	1953

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The **Next Session** of this Association will be held with the New Rock Springs Church, near Bendavis, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 o'clock a. m., before the second Sunday in August, 1953.

Rev. Lester Lawler to bring Associational message, with Rev Stanley Letterman, alternate.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Mission Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Mtn. Grove church in its fourth annual session, Thursday morning, August 7, 1952.

**Thursday—9:00 A. M.**

Meeting was called together by singing, led by Rev. Roger Reeds.

Hymns, "Standing On the Promises," "He Keeps Me Singing," and "Bring Them In."

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Homer Smith.

Prayer by Moderator.

The Moderator read Romans 5:1-11 for a Scripture reading.

Sister Myrtle Pembroke was appointed Assistant Clerk.

Pulpit Committee appointed as follows: Rev. Willard Day, Deacons Austa Reeves and Riley Hutsell.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed as follows: Rev. Stanley Letterman, Rev. Lester Lawler and Dea. John Hickman.

Registration of Ministers, Ministers' Wives, Deacons, Church-Clerks and Visiting Ministers and their wives.

By-laws were read by the Assistant Clerk.

Constitution was read by the Clerk.

Hymn, "Just Over In The Glory Land."

Special song, "Love of God," was sung by Rev. Roger Reeds.

Hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Call for report of Credentials Committee. The Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Mtn. Grove, Faith and Hope, Wolf Creek, New Rock Springs, Pleasant Grove, Dutch Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Union Chapel, Number One and the first quarterly meeting of the Mission Association.

Motion carried to receive report and seat the delegates.

Registration of delegates.

The delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.

The Pulpit Committee selected Rev. William Reeves to bring the message at 2:00 p. m., and Rev. Roger Reeds for the evening service.

Due to the death of the Moderator's brother, the Moderator was unable to attend the remainder of the Association. The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Leonard Keys, took charge, appointing Rev. Lester Lawler as the Assistant Moderator.

Rev. Floyd Roberts was appointed to take the place of Rev. Lester Lawler on the Credentials Committee.

Benediction of business session by Rev. Floyd Roberts.

#### 11:00 O'Clock Worship Hour

Singing led by Rev. Archie Hogue.

Hymn, "I Just Steal Away and Pray."

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Hutsell.

Hymn, "I'll Live In Glory."

Solo, "Ship Ahoy," by Rev. Roger Reeds.

Scripture Lesson, 2nd chapter of Luke, 48-49, read by Rev. Willard Day. Bro. Day brought a very helpful message, using as a text, "Our Father's Business."

Moderator called for Christian handshake.

Hymn, "Blessed Assurance."

Benediction by Rev. William Reeves.

#### Thursday Afternoon—1:00 P. M.

Singing led by Rev. Archie Hogue.

Hymns, "Old Ship Of Zion," and "Some Day."

Prayer by Rev. Howard Barr.

Hymn "I Will Trade The Old Cross For A Crown."

Scripture reading, a part of the 17th chapter of St. John, and a short talk by the Moderator.

The Credentials Committee reported favorable on the Hartville church.

Motion carried to accept report and seat the delegates.

Call for report of the business committee.



Three items of business were taken up separately.  
Motion carried to adopt all three.

Motion carried to elect a three-man committee to superintend the building of a cabin on youth camp grounds.

Nominations for that committee were Dea. Burl Haliburton, Rev. Willard Day and Rev. Albert Brook.

Motion carried for nominations to cease and vote by acclamation.

Motion carried to build a block cabin.

An offering of \$55.00 was taken to start the building of the cabin.

Benediction of business session by Dea. E. H. Freeman.

### **2:00 O'Clock Worship Hour**

Hymn, "All Upon The Altar."

Prayer, by Dea. Charles Franklin.

Hymn, "Love Lifted Me."

Scripture lesson, a part of the 9th chapter of 1st Corinthians, was read by Rev. William Reeves. Bro Reeves delivered a very good message, using as a text, "And Unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews."

Motion carried to adjourn until Friday morning.

Benediction by Sister Amy Emmerson.

### **Thursday Evening—7:30 P. M.**

Services opened by singing, led by Sister Day.

Hymns, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and "The Reaping Time Is Coming."

Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

An offering of \$15.00 was taken for the Free Will Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee.

Prayer of Thanks by Deacon Elza Edwards.

Hymn, "Where The Soul Never Dies."

Song by Mt. Pisgah quartet, "I Gave My All To Jesus."

Scripture reading, Acts 11th chapter, 19-26 was read by Rev. Roger Reeds. Bro. Reeds delivered a very inspiring message, using, "The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch," for a text.

Hymns, "Only Trust Him," and "The Promised Land."

Slide pictures of the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp at Niangua, also some of the National League Conventions at Shawnee, Oklahoma, were shown by Bro. Reeves. Explanations were given along with the pictures.

Benediction by Rev. Raymond Smith.

#### Friday—9:00 A. M.

Singing led by Brother Day.

Hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Prayer by Rev. Ezra Butts.

First Corinthians, 13th chapter was read by the Moderator for a Scripture lesson.

Registration of delegates.

Pulpit Committee announced the selecting of Rev. Benjamin Scott to bring the 11 o'clock message.

Rev. Ezra Butts was appointed to act on Credentials Committee in the absence of Bro. John Hickman.

Call for report of Corresponding Delegates.

Report of Liberty Association given by Dea. Riley Hutsell.

Report of Missouri Association of General Baptists given by Dea. Lewis Moody.

Call for committee reports.

Motion carried to adopt report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of the Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of the Observance of Sabbath Committee.

The Credentials Committee reported favorable on the following churches: Mt. Pisgah, New Home, Mtn. Valley, Happy Ridge No. 1, Mt. Zion No. 2 and Pleasant Home No. 1.

Motion carried to receive report and seat delegates.

Registration of delegates

Financial report read by clerk.

Motion carried to send the \$25.00 received from the First Quarterly Meeting of Missions Association, to the entertainmen fund of the State Association.



**Corresponding delegates elected as follows:**

Cave Springs Association—Motion carried to send corresponding letter.

Indian Creek Association—Rev. Stanley Letterman and Rev. Willard Day.

Liberty Association—Rev. and Mrs. Archie Hogue.

Missouri Association of General Baptists— Motion carried to report by letter.

Call for corresponding letters.

Registration of delegates.

Delegates to the State Association were appointed as follows: Sisters Doyle Royster, Myrtle Pembroke, Margaret Walls and Cinda Vandivort.

**Statistical report read:**

Motion carried to retain our statistician for another year and accept his honorable report.

**Call for requests:**

Request No. 1.—Wolf Creek requests an offering for help on new church building. Motion carried to grant request. Amount of offering \$18.25.

Benediction of business session by Rev. H. L. Dunnegan.

**11:00 A. M. Worship Service**

Singing led by Brother Day.

Hymn, "Shall We Gather At The River."

Prayer by Deacon Burl Haliburton.

Solo, "Take Me Lord" by Sister Doyle Royster.

Scripture reading, 5th Chapter of Ephesians, 22-32, was read by Rev. Benjamin Scott. Bro. Scott brought a very soul stirring message concerning the church.

Hymn, "Old Ship Of Zion."

Benediction by Rev. Henry Long.

Singing led by Bro. Reeds.

Moderator called for Christian handshake.

**Friday Afternoon—1:00 P. M.**

Hymns, "I Am Thine O Lord" and "Heavenly Sunlight."



Scripture reading, a part of St. John 7, was read by the Assistant Moderator.

Prayer by Deacon Walter Klingensmith.

Call for committee reports.

Motion made to adopt report of League Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Congregation stood for moment of silent prayer in remembrance of the ones deceased.

Motion carried to receive report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried to re-elect Rev. Howard Barr as a member of the Executive Board for a period of 5 years.

Motion carried for the clerk to write Rev. Fred Wynn, who is a member of the Executive Board and is out of the state at this time, to see if he plans to return or wishes to be replaced.

There were two churches, New Rock Springs and Mtn Valley, asking for the next Association to be with their church. New Rock Springs church was granted their request.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Rev. Willard Day .....	Moderator
Rev. Archie Hogue .....	Assistant Moderator
Lloyd Walls .....	Clerk-Treasurer
Rev. Lester Lawler .....	To bring association message
Rev. Stanley Letterman .....	Alternate

### 2:00 O'Clock Worship Hour

Benediction of business session by Sister Velma Elliott.

Singing led by Brother Hogue.

Hymn, "All Upon The Altar."

Prayer by Dea. Lewis Moody.

Solo, "I Know Who Holds My Hand" by Bro. Reeds.

Scripture lesson, 15th Chapter of St. John, was read by Rev. Dunnigan. Bro. Dunnigan brought a very good message using, "Love" as a text. He was followed by Rev. Henry Long who brought a short but very uplifting message.

All came together for Christian handshake.

The Moderator called the Association together to finish transacting the business of the Association.

A request from the Hartville church recommended Bro. Harold Helsley for Ordination to the Ministry.

Rev. Archie Hogue was appointed Chairman of the Ordaining council. After examination, motion carried to ordain Bro. Helsley for the ministry.

Bro. Willard Day gave the charge.

Bro. Henry Long prayed the Ordination prayer.

Standing vote of Thanks to church by the delegation.

Standing vote of Thanks to the officers of the Association by the church.

Benediction by Brother Riley Hutsell.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Sunday School:

We, Your Committee on Sunday School recommend the use of Free Will Baptist literature and the King James version of the Bible.

We also believe it necessary for all teachers and officers to be Christians and if possible have some teacher's training.

We urge all parents to take their children to Sunday School rather than send them, and encourage them in the study of the Word of God.

To be prompt and on time at all services.

We desire all pastors and ministers to co-operate in the furtherance of Sunday School work.

Committee	{	Floyd Walls
		Oscar Yeager
		Chas. Franklin

### Temperance:

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following:

Whereas, the sale of intoxicating beverages, is six times the money spent for all Christian enterprises, that we the



Free Will Baptists do all we can to discourage the sale and use of it and refrain from doing business with anyone that sells it.

Committee

Howard Barr  
Doyle Royster  
Earl McDaris

#### Observance of the Sabbath:

We your committee on Observance of the Sabbath, submit the following:

Since God commanded that we remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy, we recommend that we observe Sunday, the Lord's day by assembling to-gether in worship at His house. And that we abstain from all worldly amusements and do not permit picnicking, visiting and other pleasures to keep us from our church services, for He also said, "For-sake not the assembling of yourselves to-gether."

Committee

Grace Royster  
Mary Haliburton  
Martha Letterman

#### League:

We, your committee on League agree that all pastors should encourage and assist in every way possible in organizing and maintaining a League in every church.

We further urge every church to take an active part in our quarterly rallies, yearly conventions and as many as possible attend our State League convention.

Committee

Burl Haliburton  
Mrs. Willard Day  
Leona Hutsell

#### Obituary:

We, your committee on obituary, submit the following:

Whereas, it has pleased the Heavenly Father to call from labor to reward since our last Association the following members:

Bro. Ed Fagan, Wolf Creek Church  
 Sister Glynn Curtis, Pleasant Grove church  
 Bro. Albert Bressler, New Rock Springs church  
 Dea. Lee Stilley, Dutch Chapel church  
 Dea. Erney Hutsell, Dutch Chapel church  
 Sister Grace Hutsell, Dutch Chapel church  
 Bro. J. R. Haliburton, Mountain Grove church  
 Sister H. E. Beavers, Mountain Grove church  
 Sister Dollie Lawler, New Home church  
 Sister Sarah Franklin, Mtn. Valley church  
 Bro. Harrison Dake, Mtn. Valley church.

While they are greatly missed in our churches and homes,  
 we submit our will to that of our Heavenly Father who  
 doeth all things well.

Committee

Amy Emmerson  
 Martha Hickman  
 Bessie Keys

#### **Executive Board:**

Executive Board of Mission Association met August 28,  
 1951.

Called to order by H. B. Smith, president.

The following business was transacted: Rev. Willard C.  
 Day, coming from the First Mission Association of Okla-  
 homa, was received into Mission Association by vote of  
 all members of the board.

Members of board

Burl Haliburton  
 Fred Wynn  
 Howard Barr  
 Homer Smith  
 Charles Franklin

#### **Business:**

We, your business committee recommend that the last  
 clause of article 4 of the constitution of Mission associa-  
 tion be changed to read \$20.00 instead of \$10.00.





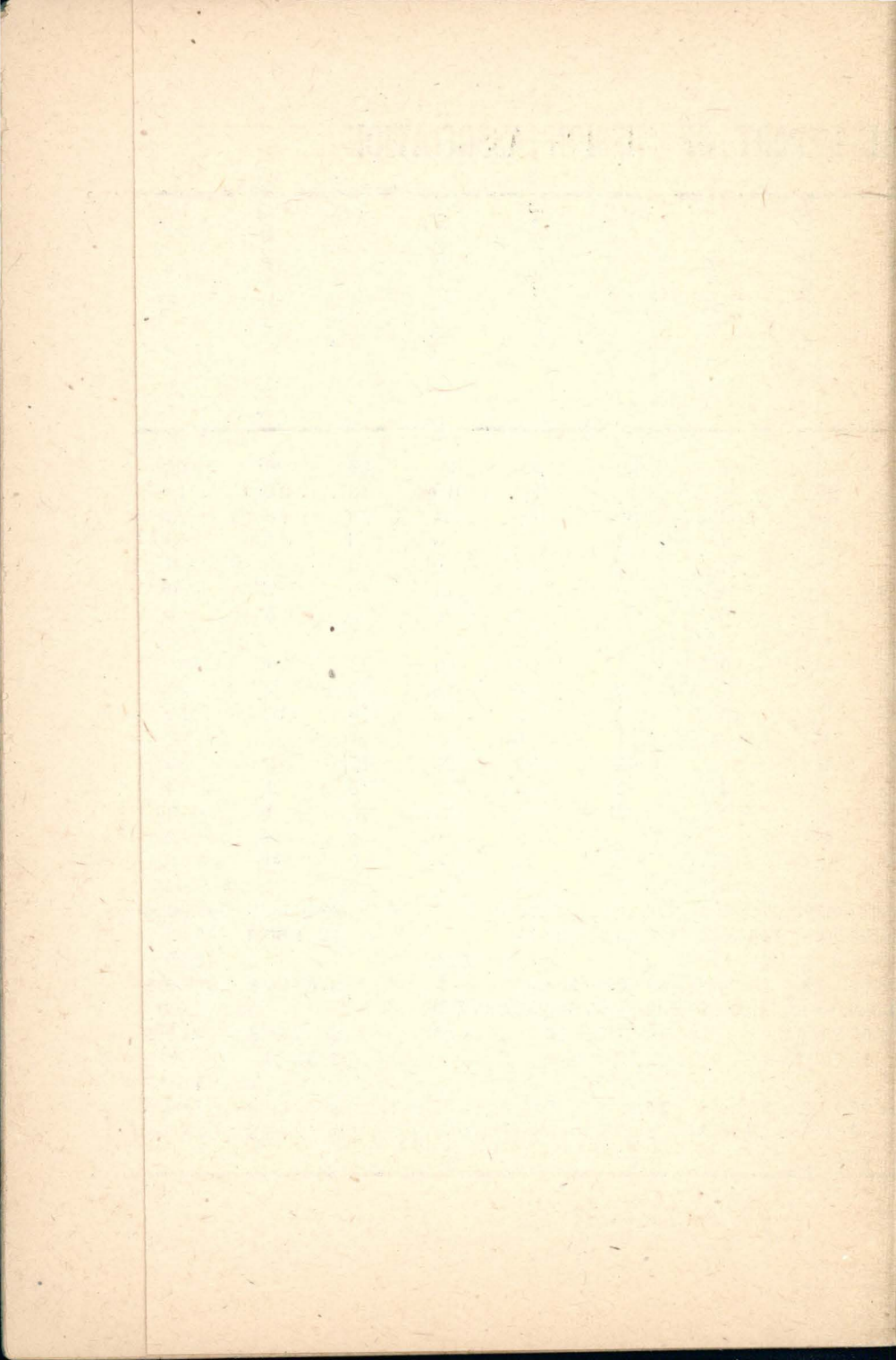
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	Mtn. Grove	Number 1	Union	
Resident Members .....	144	24	36	45
Non-Resident Members .....	42	61	46	4
Total Membership .....	186	85	82	49
Members Received .....	34	0	1	1
No. Baptized .....	15	0	0	1
No. Dismissed By Letter .....	8	1	3	3
No. Deceased .....	2	0	0	1
No. Tithers .....		14	12	
No. Prayer Meetings .....	1	1	1	0
No. Leagues .....	1	1	1	0
League Membership .....	87	46	23	0
No. Sunday Schools .....	1	1	1	1
Total Sun. School Membership ..	145	33	69	35
No. Officers .....	6	1	3	3
No. Teachers .....	10	4	4	4
No. Ordained Ministers .....	4	6	0	0
No. Licensed Ministers .....	1	0	0	0
No. Ordained Deacons .....	8	4	3	2
Amount Paid Pastors .....	\$2,635.00	\$ 310.00	\$1,020.00	\$579.00
Amount Evangelistic Work .....	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00		\$100.00
Amount for Building & Repairs ..	\$2,186.00		\$ 125.00	
Amount for Incidentals .....	\$7,500.00	\$ 270.52		\$ 9.00
Value of Church Property .....	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00	
Amount for Foreign Missions .....	\$ 100.00	\$ 29.22	\$ 41.20	\$ 60.00
Amount for Home Missions .....	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 23.69	
Amount for Education .....	\$ 125.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 41.20	
Amount for Publications .....	\$ 225.00	\$ 36.87	\$ 65.92	\$ 48.46
Amount for Minutes .....	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.22	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Amount for Orphanage .....		\$ 10.86		



# AL REPORT OF MISSION ASSOCIATION

Union Chapel	Dutch Chapel	Mtn. Valley	Pleasant Grove	Hartville	Faith and Hope	Pleasant Home No. 1	Mt. Zion No. 2	Happy Ridge No. 1	Rock Springs	New Home	Pleasant Hill	Mt. Pisgah
28	22	79	22	44	56	26	35	20	38	52	118	44
4	12	30	26	16	19	10	13	4	11	10	35	26
32	34	109	48	60	75	36	48	24	49	62	153	70
0	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	7	2	3	8
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25	50	40	25	1	40	40	15	25	70	45	40	60
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	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	2	3	6
	0	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	0	3	3	4	4	1	4	3	3	5	4	3
\$ 255.00	\$ 249.75	\$ 600.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 246.86	\$ 201.60	\$ 2.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 276.25	\$ 475.00	\$ 438.00
	\$ 20.75			\$ 5.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 69.90		\$ 125.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 146.29	\$ 98.74
\$ 60.00				\$ 87.40	\$ 42.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 31.76		\$ 2.00			\$ 275.00
\$ 1,500.00		\$ 5,000.00			\$ 3,500.00			\$ 800.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
\$ 5.00		\$ 74.20		\$ 77.68	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.50		\$ 114.85	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00		\$ 56.75
\$ 9.00		\$ 31.80								\$ 20.00		\$ 10.00
\$ 14.00		\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.90	\$ 75.00	\$ 69.46	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 32.34	\$ 70.00
\$ 5.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 3.00
												\$ 15.00



## MINISTER'S REPORT

NAME	Funerals	Revivals	Churches Pastored	Sermons	Professions	Rec'd into church	Baptised	Miles Traveled	Received
L. Lawler	5	3	2	98	8	7	4	1,865	\$ 977.50
Archie Hogue	6	2	1	117				2,452	704.68
G. E. Hutsell	1	5	2	120	5		1	5,023	692.27
Willard C. Day	15	5	1	140				5,000	3,450.00
S. Letterman		1	1	46				2,391	191.60
Leonard Keys		4	1	106	11		1	4,101	424.89
R. Smith		1	1	52				2,400	187.00
Ezra Butts	1	1	1	62	1				313.50
Floyd Roberts		3	2	128	3	1	2	11,420	495.00
H. Vandivort	1	2	1	37	1		1	2,031	67.00
A. W. Brook	2	1	2	112					657.10
Howard Barr				12				150	29.00
H. B. Smith	11	3	2	108	9	8	9		722.45

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	\$ 25.99
Amount sent in to Association by churches .....	105.22
Offering .....	15.02

Total .....	\$146.23
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### Expenditures:

Sent to entertainment fund of State Association .....	\$ 25.00
Sent to Free Will Baptist Bible College .....	15.02
Paid Clerk .....	20.00
Printing of Minutes .....	60.00

Total .....	\$120.02
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Balance brought forward at close of Association .....	\$ 26.21
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Be it resolved that Mission Association build a cabin on the Youth Camp grounds.

We further recommend that we receive an offering for the Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Offering to be taken to-night (Thursday night).

Committee	W. C. Day A. W. Brook G. E. Hutsell
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### MINISTERS AND WIVES PRESENT

Willard Day .....	Mrs. Willard Day .....	Mtn. Grove
Stanley Letterman .....	Martha Letterman .....	Graff, Str. Rt.
Homer Smith .....	Verba Smith .....	Mtn. Grove
Lester Lawler .....		Hartville R-5....
Leonard Keys .....	Bessie Keys .....	Norwood R-1
Archie Hogue .....	Bessie Hogue .....	Cabool
Howard Barr .....	Pearl Barr .....	Cabool
Albert Brook .....	Iva Brook .....	Mtn. Grove R-3
	Grace Royster .....	Hartville
Floyd Roberts .....	Elsie Roberts .....	Elk Creek
G. E. Hutsell .....	Leona Hutsell .....	Mtn. Grove
Ezra Butts .....	Mildred Butts .....	Huggins
Herbert Vandivort .....	Bessie Vandivort .....	Cabool R-2
Harold Helsley .....		Mansfield
Raymond Smith .....	Ermal Smith .....	Huggins

### DEACONS PRESENT

Oscar Yeager	Charles Franklin
Burl Haliburton	Ray Hutsell
Austa Reeves	Macy Gregory
C. E. Pembroke	W. J. Long
John H. Hickman	E. H. Freeman
Riley Hutsell	Lewis Moody
Rolla Ballard	W. C. Klingensmith
Floyd Walls	Jess Young
Doyle Royster	J. H. Wagner

## DELEGATES PRESENT

Sadie Ellington	Mrs. Ray Hutsell
Bonnie Jean Reeves	Marjorie Baker
Chloe Adkinson	Velma Elliott
Florence Fagan	Roy Bass
Fern Bass	Martha Hickman
Huan Robertson	Clesta Butts
Olga Yeager	Vivian McCoy
Versa Garner	Retha Shull
Grace Bass	Myrtle Pembrook

Carla Marie Odom

## CHURCH CLERKS

Ivy McCoy	Dutch Chapel	Embree
Pearl Reed	Number One	Huggins
Gillie Reeves	Faith and Hope	Willow Springs R-3
Mrs. John Kelsay	Hartville	Hartville R-5
John Hutsell	Union Chapel	Graff
Ruth Hickman	Pleasant Hill	Hartville
Dorothy Millsap	Wolf Creek	Mansfield
Lois Freeman	New Rock Springs	Bendavis
Amy Emmerson	Pleasant Grove	Hartville R-1
Artha Hutsell	Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove
Pansy Lea Garner	Mt. Zion No. 2	Hartville
Addie Long	New Home	Hartville R-5
Pansy Skinner	Happy Ridge No. 1	Norwood
Letha Franklin	Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Grove
Mrs. Mary Bittick	Pleasant Home No. 1	Mtn. Grove R-1
Lloyd Walls	Mt. Pisgah	Cabool R-2
Nolan Neal	Union	Success

## CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Dorothy Millsap	Gillie Reeves
Amy Emmerson	Lloyd Walls
Pearl Reed	Mrs. John Kelsay

Ruth Hickman



## VISITORS

Rev. Roger Reeds .....	Richwood, Mo.
Rev. William Reeves .....	Niangua, Mo.
..... Hazel Letsinger .....	Mansfield, Mo.
Rev. Harry D. Hansen .... Eva Hansen ....	Willow Springs, Mo.
Rev. Henry Long ..... Lola Long .....	Springfield Mo.
Rev. Benjamin Scott ..... Genell Scott .....	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. H. L. Dunnegan .... Mary Dunnegan ..	Mansfield, Mo. R-2
Rev. Rolla Smith .....	Agnes Smith .....

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall open at 9:00 o'clock, Thursday before the Second Sunday in August.
2. Moderator calls Association together.
3. Registration of standing delegates.
4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
5. Call for report of Credentials Committee.
6. Seating of delegates.
7. Invite all Christians to sit in council.
8. Call for corresponding letters and registration of visiting ministers.
9. Call for report of Executive Board.
10. Elect one member on Executive Board.
11. Call for minister's written report.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
14. Call for report of all committees.
15. Select place for next annual session.
16. Elect officers.
17. Adjourn with prayer.

## CONSTITUTION

Preamble: From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate ourselves with other Free Will Baptist bodies, have come together and organized into an Association.



1. This association shall be called Mission Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such well regulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to cooperate with the Missouri State and National Associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies Auxiliary, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

3. The acting members of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members while in conference, together with all ministers, minister's wives, deacons, and church and associational clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting.

4. The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, (who shall superintend the printing of the minutes) each of whom shall be elected at the closing of each regular session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. The Clerk shall receive Twenty (\$20.00) for his or her service.

5. An Executive Board composed of five members, consisting of three ministers and two deacons, whose duty shall be to transact the business of this association when this Body is not in session, whose term of office shall be as follows: One for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years, and at the expiration of each of these terms one shall be elected for a term of 5 years, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, further: if any vacancies occur between sessions of this Association the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of this Association.

6. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church or Quarterly Meeting, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent

enterprises, such as Sunday Schools, Missions, Temperance and Education, may be received into this association by presenting a petition asking to be received, and by a majority vote of this Association.

7. This Association shall have power to discipline its churches, exclude them for disorderly conduct, if labor proves unsuccessful, ordain deacons, to license or ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which such members belong; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the Churches or Quarterly Meetings may refer to it; to make any rules and by-laws necessary to its regulations and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of one of its churches or Quarterly Meetings, nor in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical authority over the Churches or Quarterly Meetings composing the Association.

8. Each session of this Association shall convene annually beginning on Thursday at 9:00 a. m. before the 2nd. Sunday in August and adjourn at 4:00 p. m. on Friday, and shall be held with only such churches as call for it by vote of the church while in conference, and this shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

9. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the association in session, and in their absence the chairman of the Executive Board shall take charge, and in his absence any member of the Executive Board shall take charge until a Moderator is elected.

10. This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular session of this body, by a two-thirds vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time the vote is taken.

#### BY-LAWS

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Seven members from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.



3. Any ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a majority vote of the members present.

4. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

5. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee as a whole.

6. Any member of this body may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

8. No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

9. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

10. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a vote.

12. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a majority vote of this body.

13. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except the Constitution and By-Laws, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

14. Churches of the Mission Association shall not call a pastor who does not have a yearly certificate.

15. Each minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate.

16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a vote of the Association.



## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving

faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10 Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. Gospel Ordinances. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23,) and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2.)

15. The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting in our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.





