MINUTES

OF

Fifteenth Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

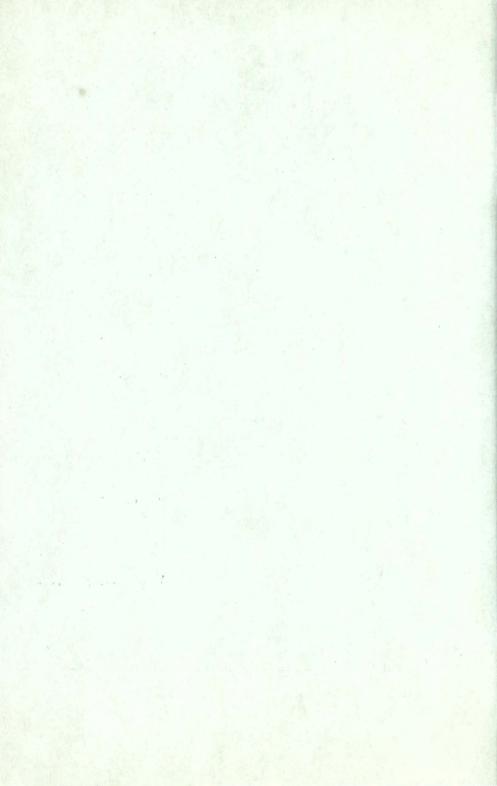
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BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1963

OFFICERS

Bro.	Hubert	Harral			Moderator
Rev.	Homer	Smith		Assistant	Moderator
Mrs.	Kenneth	Chapn	nan	Clerl	c-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Howard A. Barr	1964
Deacon James Cameron	1965
Deacon Charley Franklin	1966
Rev. Ray Middleton	1967
Rev. Homer B. Smith	1968

The next session of this Association will be held with the Mtn. Grove Church, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1964. Rev. Glen Murray to bring the Associational Message. Rev. Ervin Morton, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the Fifteenth Annual Meeting at the Grant Avenue Church, on August 8, 1963. The meeting was called to order by the Assistant Moderator, Brother Hubert Harral.

In the absence of the elected Moderator, Rev. Ezra Butts, Bro. Hubert Harral will be acting as Moderator, and will be called Moderator throughout the Minutes of the Association.

Sister Margaret Dixon led the congregation in singing "Stand Up for Jesus."

Prayer by Bro. Charley Franklin.

Congregation song "Send the Light."

The Moderator, Bro. Hubert Harral read scripture from John 13.

Prayer by Rev. Gene Rogers.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to evaluate Church letters: Rev. Edwin Wade, Rev. Duane Mowry, and Bro. Charley Franklin.

Congregational singing "Heavenly Sunlight."

The Moderator read the Constitution, By-Laws and Covenant.

The Moderator called for the statistical report to be read by the statistician. Motion seconded and carried to receive partial report.

Rev. Harry Beatty was recognized by the Moderator.

The Committee reported on Church letters from ten Churches. Motion seconded and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Congregation sang "Victory in Jesus," directed by Sis. Mar-

garet Dixon while they shook hands.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn this business session of the meeting in behalf of the 11:00 worship service. The delegates are to register during this recess.

Sis. Naomi Parsons led the congregation in singing "At the Cross."

Rev. Ray Middleton led in prayer.

Congregational singing "I am Resolved."

Solo by Sis. Joan Harral.

The Associational message was brought by Rev. Charley Findley, after being introduced by Bro. Hubert Harral. Scripture, John 3. Prayer by Rev. Findley. Song "In the Sweet By and By," led by Rev. Findley.

Rev. Homer Smith was appointed to assist Bro. Hubert Harral. Committee on Committee's was appointed as follows: Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. Tharold Edwards and Rev. Ray Middleton.

Rev. Beatty dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Congregational singing led by Sis. Margaret Dixon.

Prayer by Rev. Tharold Edwards.

The following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Sisters Dorothy Middleton, chairman: Lizzie Patton and Donna Fave Wade.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE: Sisters Pauline White, chairman; Verba Smith and Barbara Raney.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Rev. Gene Workman, chairman: Rev. Howard Barr and Sister Emma Austin.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sister Georgia Glenn, chairman; Sister Margaret Walls and Rev. Kermit Bass.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: Rev. Charley Findley, chairman; Bro. James Cameron and Sister Sybil Young.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Oscar Leighty, June Freeman and Margaret Dixon.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Rev. Gene Rogers, chairman; Bro. Elmer Patton and Rev. Herschel Freeman.

Rev. Edwin Wade read scripture from Ecc., and commented on it briefly.

All the teens in the congregation sang a few choruses with Sister Naomi Parsons directing them, and Sister Barbara Raney at the piano.

Special by the Herschel Freeman Family.

Rev. Gene Workman gave a report on his work in Kentucky this summer.

Rev. Beatty gave a detailed report on the Cooperative Fund. The Moderator gave us the dates of when both State Association and State Sunday School and League Convention is to be held.

Congregation singing led by Sister Margaret Dixon.

Comments were made on National Association by Rev. Ray Middleton and Rev. Gene Rogers.

Rev. Beatty commented briefly on the budget.

Report made on four more churches by the committee. Motion seconded and carried to accept letters and seat the delegates.

Clerk read letters from the Harmony Quarterly Meeting and the Mission Quarterly Meeting.

Motion seconded and carried to accept letters as read.

Sister Margaret Dixon commented on the Womans Auxiliary and on the new changes in the youth program.

The Moderator introduced Sister Connie Middleton, who gave her declamation "To Be or Not to Be." Sister Middleton won the contest at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Mountain Grove, and will give her declamation at the State Association.

The Pulpit Committee gave the following report: Rev. Gene Rogers is to bring the message Thursday night, and Rev. Ray

Middleton is to bring the 11:00 o'clock message on Friday.

The following report was given from the Business Committee: We recommend that Article 4 of the Constitution be changed to read \$40 instead of \$20. The matter was laid on the table until Friday.

Letter was read from Missouri General Baptist Association.

Rev. Homer Smith gave a verbal report on the Union Association.

Bro. Hubert Harral called for election of representatives to these Sister Associations: Elected were: Rev. Duane Mowry and Bro. Bruce Presley to Liberty Association; Rev. Tharold Edwards and Rev. Charley Findley to Union Association and Rev. A. A. Hogue and Mrs. A. A. Hogue to Little Vine General Baptist Association. Congregation song led by Bro. James Cameron.

Rev. Kermit Bass dismissed with prayer.

THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Duane Mowry.

Prayer by Rev. Gene Workman.

Solo by Sister Barbara Raney.

The message of the evening was brought by Rev. Gene Rogers. Text: Isaiah 24:17-18.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Duane Mowry, "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Prayer by Rev. Clyde Montgomery.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Duane Mowry, "Lilly of the Valley."

Devotion by Rev. Frank Mauzuk, Scripture Phil. 1:27-30.

The Moderator recognized a visiting minister, Rev. Leland Horton.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Frank Mauzuk, "Joy Unspeakable."

Moderator introduced Rev. Eddie Altis who gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Beatty commented briefly on the Bible College.

Rev. Beatty gave a verbal report from the Southeast Missouri Association.

The committee reported on five churches. Motion seconded and carried to accept these letters, and seat the delegates.

The Clerk read the reports from the following committees: Sunday School, League, Temperance, Observance of the Sabbath. Motion seconded and carried to receive reports read. (Will be found in another place in these minutes).

The Business Committee recommended that our Association build a cabin at the youth camp. Discussions were made by Rev. Homer Smith and Rev. Gene Rogers. Motion seconded and carried to accept this report. Rev. Homer Smith appointed the following committee for the building of the cabin at the youth camp: Bro. Jack Dale, chairman; Bro. Chas. Franklin, Rev. Tharold Edwards, Rev. Ray Middleton and Rev. Lester Lawler.

Motion seconded and carried that the recommendation made by the business committee, yesterday, be taken from the table and adopted.

Motion seconded and carried to receive the report from the obituary committee. A few moments were given to silent prayer. Rev. Homer Smith led in prayer.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn for the 11:00 worship service.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Eddie Altis, "We Have An Anchor."

Prayer by Rev. Leland Horton.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Altis "Have Thine Own Way."

Solo by Rev. Duane Mowry.

The Moderator, Bro. Hubert Harral, introduced Rev. Ray Middleton to bring the 11:00 message. Text I Kings 18-17. An invitation was given to come to an alter of prayer.

Rev. Herbert Vandivort dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY, 1:15 P. M.

Congregation singing led by Rev. Glen Murray.

Prayer by Rev. Ervin Morton.

Rev. Homer Smith read scripture from Psalms 1:1-6 and commented briefly on this scripture.

Prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Committee reported on request for the following to be examined for ordination: Rev. Richard Knaak, Rev. Eddie Altis, and Rev. Willie Bennett. It was requested that Rev. George Bryant's license be extended for one year. Motion seconded and carried to grant these requests.

Moderator asked for all those who were candidates for licensing or ordination to meet with the examining committee.

Committee reported on two churches. Motion seconded and carried to accept this report and to seat the delegates.

Clerk read executive board report. Motion seconded and carried to accept report as read.

Motion made to elect the following as delegates to the State Association: Sisters Connie Middleton, Ruth Dowsey, and Hazel Hutsell. Motion made to amend this motion so that any members present might be designated as delegates by their pastors. Motion seconded and carried.

Clerk read financial report.

Motion seconded and carried to receive report as read.

Motion seconded and carried to send \$25.00 to the State Assocition.

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. A. Hogue, "Kneel At The Cross."

Nomination was opened for a member elected for five years to the executive board of Mission Association to replace or reelect Rev. Homer Smith. Motion seconded and carried to reelect Rev. Smith. Rev. Ray Middleton was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. Grover Terry who moved out of the state.

Motion seconded and carried for Rev. Glen Murray to bring the Associational message in 1964. Alternate, Rev. Ervin Morton.

Bro. Hubert Harral was elected as Moderator. Rev. Homer Smith was elected as Assistant Moderator.

Billie Chapman was elected as clerk-treasurer.

Congregational singing led by Sister Margaret Dixon—hand-shake.

The Association wishes to thank this church for their hospitality and give to them a standing vote of thanks.

Motion seconded and carried to give standing vote of thanks to the Moderator. Assistant Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer for their work during the past year.

The credentials committee reported favorable to ordain Rev. Eddie Altis, and Rev. Willie Bennett, and to extend the licenses of Rev. Richard Knaak and Rev. George Bryant for one year. Also, to accept Rev. Seth Draper, who has been a member of the General Baptist Association, as an ordained minister of the Mission Association. The body received this report, and proceeded to ordain Rev. Eddie Altis and Rev. Willie Bennett.

The congregation sang "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms" as they shook hands with the newly ordained ministers.

The Mission Association was placed by vote to meet with the Mountain Grove Church in August, 1964.

Motion seconded and carried to adjourn this business session for 1963.

Congregational singing led by Sister Margaret Dixon. Solo by Joan (Harral, pianist Sister Ruth Hickman.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Eddie Altis who brought the closing message. Scripture I Samuel 17. Prayer by Rev. Lester Lawler.

Prayer by Rev. Richard Knaak.

Congregational song, "Bound For the Promise Land."

1957 RESOLUTION—Resolved that the executive board of Missions set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination, based upon the fundamentals of scripture and the belief and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, adhering strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise. The examining council shall be composed of 5 members of which at least three shall be ordained ministers, appointed by the moderator and said examination by examining council be done in private.

1959 RESOLUTION—Be it resolved that no member of this body serve on the Executive Board of both this annual meeting and the quarterly meeting at the same time.

In connection with the 1957 Resolution which reads, "Resolved that the Executive Board of Mission Association set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination, based upon Fundamentals of Scripture and the belief and practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination, adhering strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise . . . "The following standard is submitted for your approval:

EXAMINATION—MINISTERS

- 1. Do you believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice?......
 - 2. Do you believe that 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?......
 - Do you believe that 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
 His is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present
 Saviour and Lord?
 - 4. Do you believe the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost has assigned to Him all the attributes of God according to the Scriptures?
 - 5. Do you believe that God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution of laws of nature, and that He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men might require?
 - 6. Do you believe that man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation and that all who come to years of accountability must receive the Lord Jesus Christ in order to be saved?
 - 7. Do you believe that Christ, the Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith?
 - 8. Do you believe that 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 the purpose of 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.	Do you believe that Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, the Lord's Supper or ordinances to be perpetu-
	ated under the Gospel. Do you believe Feet Washing is an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation
	and is to be ministered to all true believers?
10.	Do you believe that God commanded tithing for the support
	of the church as is recorded in Gen. 14:20, Gen. 28:22
	Duet. 14:22, 1 Cor. 16:2 and Matt. 23:33, etc?
11.	Should preachers call sinners to an altar for salvation?
	Give Scriptures why you do or do not believe it
12.	Was Christ born of a virgin?Give book, chapter and verse of proof
13.	Do you believe that only Through Christ a sinner can be saved? Book, chapter and verse
14.	Do you believe that you should better your education?
	Will you give prayerful consideration to this matter?
15.	Are Free Will Baptist Calvinistic or Arminian?
16.	Explain the "Freedom of the Will"?
17.	Does the Bible teach that a sinner has the right to pray?
18.	Do you believe in the visable return of Christ?
	Give three verses why you do or do not believe it
19.	Do you believe in an actual hell where sinners will be tor mented in a lake of fire forever and ever?
20.	Do you believe in an eternal Heaven for the saved?

SIGNED:
Rev. W. Silvey
Ray Hutsell
Deacon Charley Franklin
Rev. Archie A. Hogue
Rev. Homer B. Smith
Executive Board Members

A request was made from the floor for the Moderator to explain what is meant by being Calvinistic or Arminian. He responded with the explanation "The Bible says that 'The Lord is with you, while ye be with Him . . . but if ye forsake Him He will forsake you." (2 Chron. 15:2). The Calvinistic doctrine teaches otherwise . . . once saved, always saved. The Arminian doctrine which we believe teaches that we are to "give diligence to make our calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." (2 Pet. 1-10). We believe that only those who fear God and keep his commandments, will perserve unto the end.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board of the Mission Association met at the Lead Hill Church on November 15, 1962 for the purpose of placing the 1963 Mission Association.

Members present were: Charley Franklin, Grover Terry

James Cameron and Homer Smith, chairman. Also meeting with us was Bro. E. E. Winfree who is a member of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting Executive Board.

Bro. E. E. Winfree led the group in prayer after which it was decided to have the next session of Mission Association with the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church in Springfield in August, 1963.

SIGNED:

Rev. Homer Smith, Chairman Bro. James Cameron, Act. Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We your temperance committee recommend that all Christians abstain from the use and sale of all alcoholic beverages and refrain as nearly as possible from patronizing the business establishments which sell alcoholic beverages.

And that we, as Christians, refrain from participating in amusements which might cause us to be a stumbling block in the lives of others. We recommend that all Christians read Romans 14:12-13, in conjunction with the above statement.

SIGNED: Eugene Workman Erma Austin

Howard G. Barr

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: We your Sunday School committee, recommend the use of the King James version of the Bible and Free Will Baptist literature.

We recommend that each member should not only attend Sunday School regularly, but work diligently for its advancement.

SIGNED:

Mrs. Ray Middleton Mrs. Edwin Wade

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: We your committee on observance of the Sabbath day, recommend that we keep Sunday the Lord's Day, as a day of worship "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together," Hebrews 10:25, also Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your resonable service"; also we recommend that we diligently teach our children that Sunday is the day of worship and it should be observed as such.

SIGNED:
.C D. Findley, Chairman
Sybil Young
James A. Cameron

LEAGUE COMMITTEE: We your league committee wish to stress the importance of a League program in every church, as we consider it to be the most important training program of the church.

We urge the pastors and older Christians to encourage League attendance, as we feel it would serve a two-fold purpose—training for Christ's work and increasing attendance in Sunday evening worship services

SIGNED: Mrs. Pauline White, Chairman Mrs. Verba Smith Miss Barbara Ann Raney

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We your obituary committee are sorry to report those whom the Lord has called from labor to their reward, the following members: Brothers Walter Klingensmith, Wess Long, Charles Ussery, William Boring, H. Butcher Marion Long, Billy Newton, Charley Dunlap, Howard Owens, Billy Henson and Sisters Lucille Johnson, Mindy Dennis, Rosa Lee Atherton, Mrs. Jess Leach, Ulinnie Cruson, Cora Ramsey, Thelma Halford, Mary Voss, Myra Sanders, Daisy Dawson, Mary Turner, Artie Morton, Florence Fagan and Rev. O. L. Claxton.

SIGNED: Georgia Glenn Margaret Walls Rev. Kermit Bass

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: (1) We recommend that Aritcle 4 of the constitution be changed to read Forty (\$40) instead of Twenty (\$20).

(2) We recommend that our Association build a cabin on the boys side at the youth camp and that a building committee be appointed to plan and supervise the erection of this building.

(3) We recommend that \$200.00 of Associational funds be designated for this purpose and that the balance be raised by offerings from our churches.

SIGNED:

Rev. Gene Rogers

Rev. Herschel Freeman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Amount carried over \$2 Amount of all offerings at Association \$2	259.96 204.06
TOTAL	164.02
To State Meeting\$	25.00
Postage and Supplies\$	3.52
Clerk\$	40.00

Amount in Treasury \$395.50

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Rev.	Gene	Rogers	, Mtn.	Grove		Mtn.	Grove,					
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Rev. Howard G. Barr, Mt. Pisgah Rev. Kermeth Bass. Wolf Creek

Rev. Herschel Freeman, New Rock Springs Rev. Eugene Workman, Grant Avenue

Rev. Ray Middleton, Cabool

Rev. Homer Smith, Mtn. Grove

Rev. C. D. Findley, Lead Hill Rev. Duane Mowry, Cabool

Rev. Tharold Edwards, Grant Avenue Rev. Gordon Heckendorn, Harmony

Rev. Leland Horton

Rev. Frank Maczuk, Mtn. Grove Rev. Clyde A. Montgomery, Cabool

Rev. A. A. Hogue, Faith and Hope

Rev. Ervin Morton, Houston

Rev. Herbert Vandivort, New Rock Springs

Rev. Lester Lawler, Union

Rev. Leonard Keys, Faith and Hope Rev. Willie Bennett, Happy Ridge

Rev. Marion Allsman MINISTERS WIVES

Mrs. Thomas Boaz Mrs. Dorothy Middleton

Mrs. Bertha Findley Mrs. Ruth Whittaker

Mrs. June Freeman Mrs. Verba Smith

Mrs. Geraldine Edwards Mrs. Glenna Postlewaite

Mrs. Bessie Vandivort Mrs. Elnna Morton

Mrs. Lester Lawler

Mrs. Willie Bennett Mrs. Dale Allsman

DEACONS Bert Austin

Charley Franklin James A. Cameron

Fred Ussery Oscar Leighty

C. N. Wood Oscar Yeager

Cabool, Mo. Mansfield, Mo.

Springfield, Mo. Rogersville, Mo.

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Hartville, Mo. Cabool, Mo.

Springfield, Mo.

Seymour, Mo. Mtn. Grove. Mo. Springfield, Mo.

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Waynesville, Mo. CHURCH

> Grant Avenue Cabool

Pleasant Hill New Rock Springs Mountain Grove Grant Avenue Number One New Rock Springs

> Union Happy Ridge

CHURCH

Pleasant Grove Mtn. Grove Lead Hill Union Grove Number One Pleasant Home No. 1

Mt. Zion No. 2

DEACONS WIVES CHURCH Mrs. Pauline White Cabool, Mo. Mrs. Reva Cameron Lead Hill Mrs. Don E. Smith Rock Chapel Mrs. Bert Austin Pleasant Grove Mrs. Exie Usserv Union Grove Mrs. Raymond Kensinger Grant Avenue Mrs. Lee Evans Grant : Avenue Mrs. Elmer Patton Grant Avenue Mrs. Draper Mrs. Oscar Yeager Mt. Zion No. 2 CHURCH CLERKS CHURCH Ruby Lee Johns Lead Hill Mildred Kensinger Grant Avenue Viola Draper Pleasant Hill Harold Coble Pleasant Home No. 1 DELEGATES CHURCH Lee Whittaker Pleasant Hill Mtn. Valley Marilyn McGowan Mrs. Russell Weisman Grant Avenue Hubert Reaves Mt. Pisgah Edna Walls Mt. Pisgah Mtn. Grove Barbara Raney Betty Kemper Mtn. Grove Katherine Emmerson New Home Retha Shull New Home Stella Mowry Cabool Cleo Knaak Cabool Carolyn Johns Darlene Guthery Lead Hill Mtn. Valley Beverly Moore Jerry Smith Rock Chapel Bernadette Helsley Rock Chapel Bert Austin Pleasant Grove Pleasant Grove Erma Austin Wolf Creek Jesse Young Sybil Young Wolf Creek James Cameron Harmony Quarterly Meeting Emmet L. Jones Hartville Hartville Lola Hensley Chervl Ussery Union Grove Wilma Davis Union Grove Bill Paul Mission Quarterly Meeting Grant Avenue Gilbert Fortney Ruth Hickman Hartville Linda Rich Pleasant Home Pleasant Home Charles Rich Glenna Postlewaite Union Chapel

Houston

Leona Morton

Chester Dearmond Agnes Dearmond Norma Willhite Mary McCleary Lone Star Lone Star Mt. Zion Mt. Zion

FAIRVIEW No. 3—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Edward Turner, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Clarence Keeton, Ava, Mo., Joe Smith, Norwood, Mo., Edd Burris, Ava, Mo., Cecil Buchanan, Ava, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. O. K. Welton, Ava, Mo., route 5.

FAITH AND HOPE-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Leonard Keys, Norwood, Mo.

DEACONS: Austa Reeves, Cabool, Mo., Jimmie Miller, Willow Springs, Mo., Herman McCart, Willow Springs, Mo., Evan Coatney, Willow Springs, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Faye Coatney, Willow Springs, Mo.

GRANT AVENUE-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. O. T. Dixon, 305 Sunshine, Springfield, Mo. DEACONS: Lee Evans, Springfield, Mo., Raymond Kensinger, Springfield, Mo., Coday Draper, Springfield, Mo., Elmer Patton, Springfield, Mo., Shelby Smith, Springfield, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Kensinger, route 10, Springfield, Mo.

HAPPY RIDGE—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Willie Bennett, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Charles Skinner, Norwood, Mo., Clifford Moles, Norwood, Missouri

CLERK: Doris Richardson, Norwood, Mo., route 1.

NEW HOME-JULY 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. R. E. Helsley, Hartville.

DEACONS: Claud Lawler, R. E. Kincheloe, Woodrow Lawler, Vernice Long, Burl Auston.

CLERK: Addie Long, Hartville, Mo.

NEW ROCK SPRINGS—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Carl Postlewaite, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Emmitt Freeman, Cabool, Mo., Noble Wyrick, Graff, Mo., Edgar Pembrook, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Bessie Vandivort, route 2, Cabool, Mo.

NUMBER ONE-JULY 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Gene Postlewaite, Huggins, Mo.

DEACONS: John Barker, Huggins, Mo., Ernest Maxwell, Huggins, Mo., Oscar Leighty, Huggins, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Pearl Reed, Huggins, Mo.

CABOOL-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Ray Middleton, Cabool, Mo.

DEACONS:

CLERK: Edna Sutton, Cabool, Mo.

PLEASANT HOME No. 1-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Glenn Murray, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Noel Elliott, Vanzant, Mo., C. N. Wood, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Auston Fogerson, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Allen M. Rankin,

Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: (Harold Coble, Vanzant, Mo.

PLEASANT HILL—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Seth Draper, 1457 Livingston, Springfield, Mo. DEACONS: Jesse Young, Hartville, Mo., Ralston Claxton, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Mrs. Viola Draper, Hartville, Mo.

PLEASANT GROVE—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Carl Postlewaite, Mountain Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Alfred Curtis, Hartville, Mo., Burgess Lawler, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Bert Austin, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Lavella Curtis, route 1, Hartville, Mo.

UNION CHURCH—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Lester Lawler, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Roy K. Huff, Success, Mo., Harold Price, Success, Mo.

CLERK: Nolan Neal, Success, Mo.

UNION CHAPEL—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Edd Bruce, Huggins, Mo.

DEACONS: Walter Klingensmith, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Hobert

Crewse, Graff, Mo.

CLERK: Franklin Crewse, Graff, Mo.

UNION GROVE—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. R. E. Helsley, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Wm F. Kempt, Norwood, Mo., Fred Ussery, Norwood, Mo., Wallace Greenfield, Norwood, Mo., B. J. Shores, Rogersville, Mo.

CLERK: Elizabeth Kempt, Norwood, Mo.

WOLF CREEK-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Jewel Craig, Mansfield, Mo.

DEACONS: Ernie Millsap, Otis Helsley and Chester Bennett

all of Mansfield, Mo.

CLERK: Dorothy Millsap, route 1, Mansfield, Mo.

HARTVILLE-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Wynn, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: John Adamson, Mansfield, Mo., Macy Gregory, Hartville, Mo., Andy Browitt, Hartville, Mo., W. T. Wynn.

Hartville, Mo., Chas Dickinson, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Olga Helsley, Hartville, Mo.

HARMONY-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Gordon Heckendorn, Seymour, Mo.

DEACON:

CLERK: Mrs. Blanche Blevins, Seymour, Mo., route 4.

HAPPY HOME-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Marler, Seymour, Mo.

DEACONS: L. P. Robertson, Ava, Mo., Ben Dougherty, Ava,

Mo., Elbert Swofford, Ava, Mo.

CLERK: Edd Miller, Ava, Mo.

LEAD HILL—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Charley Findley, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Judd Corder, Mansfield, Mo., Mose Ipock, Mansfield,

Mo., James Cameron, Mansfield, Mo. CLERK: Mrs. Ruby Johns, Mansfield, Mo.

HOUSTON-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Ervin Morton, 1304 E. Crest Drive, Houston, Mo. DEACONS: Eugene Floyd, Houston, Mo., Bill Sells, Houston, Mo. CLERK:

LONE STAR-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Finis Johnson, Seymour, Mo.

DEACONS: Walter Duckworth, Seymour, Mo., Phillip Hosiner, Seymour, Mo., Scott Kasterkee, Seymour, Mo., J. A. Cameron, Seymour, Mo.

CLERK: Gordon Heckendorn, Seymour, Mo.

MOUNTAIN GROVE—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Gene Rogers, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Ray Hutsell, W. K. Elliott, Edd Shannon, Charley Franklin, Buck Franklin, Elmer Ellington, Elize Edwards, Earl Hull, Riley Hutsell, Fred Shannon, all of Mtn. Grove, Mo.

CLERK: Artha Hutsell, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

MT. PISGAH—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Wynn, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: James Odom, Cabool, Mo., Luther Curry, Cabool, Mo., Floyd Walls, Cabool, Mo., Neil Hamilton, Cabool, Mo.

CLERK: Lloyd Walls, route 1, Cabool, Mo.

MTN. VALLEY-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. H. B. Smith, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

DEACONS: Bill Robinson, Raymond Smith, Roy Sanders, Clark

Deeds.

CLERK: Clobell Deeds, route 3, Mtn. Grove, Mo.

MT. ZION No. 2-July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Willie Bennett, Hartville, Mo.

DEACONS: Oscar Yeager, Hartville, Mo., John Grimes, Mtn.

Grove, Mo., Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo.

ROCK CHAPEL—July 1962-1963

PASTOR: Rev. Frank Litton, Tunas, Mo.

DEACONS: Jim Coffman, Wess Housley, Don Raney, all of Nor-

wood, Mo., and Don Smith, Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Delpha Young, Norwood, Mo.
MINISTERS OF MISSION ASSOCIATION NOT PRESENT

Rev. Carl Postlewait Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rev. Ezra Butts Cabool Mo.

Rev. Willie Atherton Huggins Mo.
Rev. Donald Bruce Huggins, Mo.

Rev. Emmitt Hutsell Milton Free Water, Oregon

Rev. Otho Means Houston, Mo.

Rev. Leslie Means Willow Springs, Mo.

Rev. Fred Marler

Rev. Willis Turner Ava, Mo.
Rev. Jewel Craig Mansfield, Mo.

Rev. B. E. Watson Springfield, Mo. Rev. Warren Mitchell Cedar Gap. Mo.

Rev. R. E. Helsley

Rev. G. E. Hutsell Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rev. Lee Bresler

Rev. Clella Duckworth Seymour, Mo.

Rev. Seth Draper Springfield, Mo. Rev. Ellis Cravens

Rev. Virgil Mathis Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rev. Floyd Roberts Elk Creek, Mo.

Rev. George Taylor Cabool, Mo. Rev. Fred Wynn Mtn. Grove, Mo.

Rev. Harold Helsley Mansfield, Mo. Rev. Frank Shellhammer

Rev. O. T. Dixon Springfield, Mo. Rev. Earl Austin

Rev. Harry Johns Springfield, Mo. Rev. E. E. Winfree Seymour, Mo.

Rev. Walter Cardwell New Burry, Oregon

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

This page contains the names of all ministers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, who have been members of this Mission Association whose memory we honor and hold dear, as we hear witness of their lifes work from the hearts of men and women all over the country-side, we say with Paul in Romans 10:15: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things Thank God for these who have gone to their reward.

			Year
Name		Passed	Away
Rev. George Scott, Jr.			1957
Rev. L. M. Marler			1958
Rev. Grover Cravens			1959
Rev. George Scott, Sr.			1960
Rev. Jess Postlewaite			1960
Rev. Lee Maxwell			1960
Rev. Albert Brook			1961
Rev. Archie Halford			1962
Rev. John Silvey			1962
Rev. Thomas Halford			1962
Rev. O. L. Claxton			1962

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 Baptist and shall be composed of such well regulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as many as may embody themselves under this constitution.
- 2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to co-operate 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, deacon's wives 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, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-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 Forty (\$40.00) for his or her services.
- 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 a 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 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 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 the power to discipline its churches, exclude them for disorderly conduct, if labor proves

unsuccessful, ordain deacons, to license or ordain ministers, such as given evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which 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-third vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time the vote was 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 therein, 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 appelation, "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 members but cannot be discused 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 ordained minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate. Each licensed minister, upon receiving a call for pastoral work or the admisistering of the Gospel ordinances shall upon request from the church of which he is a member, be examined for ordination.
- 16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds 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 Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith and souls is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination 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 would comply with the conditions of salvations. 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 whosever will may come and take of the waters of life freely.
- 12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perseverance 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." (1 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, Judgment and Final Restribution. 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 his 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 obligation in references 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 Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assemblying of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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 anothers happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principal sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it 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 in earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational ans denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, the 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.

	Number One Gene Postlewait, Pastor Pearl Reed, Clerk	Faith and Hope Leonard Keys, Pastor Faye Coatney, Clerk	Happy Home Fred Marler, Pastor Ed Miller, Clerk	Lead Hill C. D. Findley, Pastor Ruby Johns, Clerk	Wolf Creek Jewell Craig, Pastor Dorothy Millsap, Clerk Lone Star	Finis Johnson, Pastor C. Heckendorn, Clerk	New Rock Springs Carl Postlewait, Pastor B. Vandivort, Clerk	Pleasant Hill Seth Draper, Pastor Viola Draper, Clerk	Mtn. Valley Homer Smith, Pastor Clobell Deeds, Clerk	Mt. Pisgah Ezra Butts, Pastor Lloyd Walls, Clerk	Hartville Fred Wynn, Pastor Olga Helsley, Clerk	Houston Ervin Morton, Pastor Clerk	Mt. Zion No. 2 William Bennett, Pastor Troy McCleary, Clerk	Cabool Ray Middleton, Pastor Edna Sutton, Clerk	Frank Linton, Pastor Delpha Young, Clerk	Grant Avenue O. T. Dixon, Pastor M. Kensinger, Clerk	Union Lester Lawler, Pastor Nolan Neal, Clerk	Union Grove R. E. Helsley, Pastor E. Kempt, Clerk	Pleasant Home No. 1 Glenn Murray, Pastor Harold Coble, Clerk	New Home R. E. Helsley, Pastor Addie Long, Clerk	Mountain Grove Gene Rogers, Pastor Artha Hutsell, Clerk	G. Heckendorn, Pastor Blanch Blevins, Clerk	Pleasant Grove Carl Postlewait, Pastor Lavelle Curtis, Clerk Fairview No. 3	Edward Turner, Pastor O. K. Welton, Clerk	Edd Bruce, Pastor Frank Crewse, Clerk	Happy Kudge No. 1 Willie Benett, Pastor D. Richardson, Clerk
Church Membership Resident Members Received Members Dismissed Deceased	37	84 46	35 33 3	54 37 2	76 55 4	46 34	57 35 1		95 65 5	104 61	65 57	72 3 6	53 42	106 4 18 6	83	142 122 43 10	67 39 1	40	74 55 17	90	508 466 33 18		59	33 12	39	40 25 0 0
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Cooperative Fund, Incl. Missions, Bible College Sun. School, Leagues, Etc. Value of Church Property	20.00	366.42 6,300.00	27.00 4,000.00		221.75		10,000.00	7.95 1 149.61 1.000 3	285.4	1		155.00	53.29	112.00		2,921.68 35.000.	256.63 6,000.		433.35	7,000.	95,000.		163.00 10,000.		3,000.	
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