
MINUTES

OF

Nineteenth Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

OF

Free Will Baptists

—1967—

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Willow Springs Church

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 10, 1967

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OFFICERS

Rev. Luther Gibson Moderator
Rev. Leland Horton Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Kenneth Chapman Clerk-Treasurer

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Homer B. Smith 1968
Rev. Carl Postlewaite 1969
Deacon Lee Evans 1970
Deacon Charley Franklin 1971
Rev. George Bryant 1972

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The next session of this Association will be held with the Rock Chapel Church, beginning on Thursday, 9:00 a. m., before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1968. Rev. R. E. Helsley to bring the Associational Message. Rev. Eddie Altis, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the Nineteenth Annual session at the Willow Springs Free Will Baptist Church on August 10, 1967. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Luther Gibson.

Congregational singing directed by Bro. Hurse Smith "I Am Bound for the Promised Land."

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Hogue.

Congregational singing "When We All Get to Heaven" and "More About Jesus."

Devotional by Rev. Everett Hopkins. Scripture Psalm 9. Prayer by Rev. Hopkins.

The following committees were appointed:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Rev. Fred Wynn, Dea. Charley Franklin, Rev. Clifford Klingensmith.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Rev. Ezra Butts, Dea. Jess Barker, Dea. Philip Fry.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. Chas. Findley, Rev. A. A. Hogue.

Rev. Homer Smith was appointed to assist the Moderator in the absence of Rev. O. T. Allred, Assistant Moderator.

Rev. George Bryant read the constitution.

Rev. Bud Hill read the by-laws.

Rev. Finis Johnson from West Plains Church, was recognized by the Moderator, who introduced others from his church who were present.

Call for church letters.

Call for all elected delegates to register.

Call for all standing delegates to register.

The following committees were appointed:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Sis. Virginia Housley, Sis. Bessie Hogue and Sis. Grace Kelsay.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE: Rev. Eddie Altis, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson and Sis. Marie Helsley.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: Sis. Eda Cooper, Sis. Virginia Postlewait, Sis. Grace Royster.

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: Sis. Bertha Findley, Sis. Verba Smith, Sis. Ava Freeman.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Sis. Clara Huff, Sis. Bessie Keys and Sis. Nola Yeager.

Rev. Harry Beatty reported on our Free Will Baptist giving.

The Credentials Committee reported favorable on twenty churches. Motion made and seconded to accept report and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Recess.

Congregational singing directed by Bro. Hurse Smith "Send the Light."

Prayer by Rev. George Bryant.

Congregational singing "At the Cross."

Special song "Shelter from the Storm" sung by quartet composed of Rev. George Bryant, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Bud Hill, and Sis. Billie Chapman.

Congregational singing "My Jesus I Love Thee."

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Higby.

Moderator introduced Rev. Eddie Altis.

Special music "Precious Lord Take My Hand," sung by above named quartet.

Rev. Eddie Altis led in prayer before he brought the Associational message. Scripture Romans 12:1.

Moderator recognized Rev. Ezra Butts, host pastor, who made announcements concerning dinner.

Congregational singing "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Benediction and blessing on food by Rev. Harry Beatty.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Congregational song, Bro. Hurse Smith directing, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer by Rev. Fred Wynn.

Call for registration of all delegates.

Congregational song "Nothing But the Blood."

Special song by Bro. Virgil Bandy, "I'm Nearer Home Than I Was Yesterday."

Congregational singing "Near the Cross."

Devotional by Rev. O. T. Dixon. Scripture Peter 1:1.

Statistics of the Mission Association given by Rev. Homer Smith. Rev. Eddie Altis gave the report of Church Training Service Committee. Motions made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Clerk read Temperance Committee report. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Credentials Committee reported favorable on three churches. Motion made and seconded to accept report and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Credentials Committee recommended that we accept Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. George Bryant and Rev. Guy Hutsell as ministers of the gospel in full fellowship. Motion made and seconded to accept these ministers. Motion carried.

Each individual churches delegates were recognized.

Congregational singing "When I See the Blood."

The Moderator introduced Rev. Finis Johnson who brought the message of the afternoon. Scripture in Matthew.

Congregational song "I Want To Be Ready."

THURSDAY EVENING, 7:45 P. M.

Worship in song "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer by Rev. Ronnie Turner.

The Moderator, Rev. Luther Gibson announced that Willow

Springs had requested that Bro. Gary Fry be examined for ministry. The following examining committee was appointed: Rev. Leland Horton, Rev. Ronnie Turner, Rev. Leonard Keys, Deacon Charley Franklin and Deacon Clifford Moles. The committee retired, with Bro. Fry, to examine him for the ministry.

Special song by Nancy Horton "Lord I Need You Again Today."

Special song by quartet: Rev. George Bryant, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Bud Hill and Sis. Albia Smith. "Jesus Paid It All."

Special song by trio: Sis. Edwina Bryant, Sis. Carla Davis and Sis. Janice Fogerson, "I Need No Mansion Here Below."

Special music by quartet: Sis. Betty Dale, Bro. Max Walker, Bro. Lynn Hurtt and Bro. Bob Bandy, with Sis. Delores Phelps at the piano. The quartet sang several songs.

Congregational singing "Amazing Grace."

The Moderator introduced Rev. Bud Hill who brought a wonderful message. Scripture Matt. 23:23.

Bro. Gary Fry was ordained following the evening message. Rev. Homer Smith gave the charge, and Rev. Ezra Butts led the ordaining prayer.

Service was closed with Christian handshake.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. Homer Smith, called meeting to order.

Congregational song, Rev. Eddie A'tis directing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer by Rev. Donivan Maxwell.

Special song by Sis. Linda Long, "The Vision."

Devotional by Rev. O. T. Allred. Scripture Isaiah 40:29-31.

Clerk read Observance of the Sabbath report. Rev. Homer Smith commented briefly. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Clerk read Sunday School Committee report. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Credentials Committee reported favorable on three churches. Motion made and seconded to accept report and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Clerk read Obituary Committee report. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried. A moment of silent prayer was given before Rev. Leland Horton led in prayer.

Clerk read Executive Board report. Motion made and seconded to receive report. Motion carried.

Rev. George Bryant was elected to serve on the Executive Board.

The following were nominated as delegates to the State Association: Sis. Phillip Fry, Sis. Letha Franklin, Bro. Henry Cooper, Sis. Eda Cooper, Sis. Bonnie Maxwell, Bro. Kenneth Borders, and Sis. Zelian Altis. Motion made and seconded to

cease nomination and elect. Motion carried.

The following were elected as delegates to Union Association: Bro. and Sis. Oscar Yeager.

Motion made and seconded to send Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Butts as delegates to Little Vine Association. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded to send Rev. and Mrs. George Bryant as delegates to Missouri Association of General Baptists. Motion carried.

Clerk read letters from Missouri Association of General Baptist and Little Vine Association.

The following were elected as delegates to the Indian Creek Association: Rev. and Mrs. Bud Hill, Rev. and Mrs. Ezra Butts.

Rev. Harry Beatty gave a report on the Cooperative Fund.

Rev. Tharold Edwards led in prayer before recess.

Recess.

Congregational singing with Rev. Eddie Altis directing, "Heavenly Sunlight" and "I Am Thine O Lord."

Bro. Virgil Bandy led in prayer.

Special song by Sis. Betty Dale, "Born To Serve the Lord."

The Moderator, Rev. Luther Gibson, introduced Rev. George Bryant who brought the message of the hour. Scripture Gen. 13:14-18. Prayer by Rev. Bryant.

Congregational singing "Stand Up For Jesus."

Benediction and Blessing on the food by Rev. Johnnie Postlewait.

FRIDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Congregational singing, Rev. Eddie Altis directing, "Standing On the Promises" and "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Rev. Johnny Postlewait and family sang, "It's Not an Easy Road."

Devotional by Rev. Leland Horton. Scripture Exodus 20:1-5.

Moderator recognized Rev. Johnnie Postlewait who gave a report on his work in the northwest and introduced his family who sang a special.

Clerk read financial report. Motion made and seconded to accept report. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Clerk write a letter of good standing for Rev. O. T. Allred. Motion carried.

Rock Chapel Church and Mountain Grove Church both asked for the Mission Association in 1968. The next meeting of this Association was placed by majority vote to convene with the Rock Chapel Church.

Motion made and seconded to send \$50.00 to the State Association. Motion carried.

Rev. Luther Gibson was elected as Moderator.

Rev. Leland Horton was elected as Assistant Moderator.

Mrs. Billie Chapman was elected as Clerk.

Rev. R. E. Helsley was elected to bring the Associational

message in 1968. Rev. Eddie Altis, as alternate.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Eddie Altis be Chairman of the Committee for Sponsorship of CTS. Motion carried. Motion made and seconded that Rev. George Bryant and Rev. Leland Horton make up remainder of Committee. Motion carried.

D'scussion made on building an addition at Youth Camp. Motion made and seconded that we appoint a committee to look into the needs of the Youth Camp and work with the Executive Board. Motion carried. The following committee was appointed: Rev. Donivan Maxwe'l, Rev. Luther Gibson, Bro. Philip Fry, and Rev. Clyde Montgomery.

Willow Springs Church gave a standing vote of thanks to Association for meeting with them.

The Association gave a standing vote of thanks to Willow Springs Church.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn business session. Motion carried.

Congregational singing, "Are You Washed in the Blood?"

Moderator introduced Rev. H. A. Higby who led in prayer before he brought the message of the afternoon. Scripture Isaiah 63:1-9.

Congregational singing and handshake, "I'm In the Glory-land Way."

The Nineteenth session of the Mission Association was closed with prayer by Bro. Oscar Yeager.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Mission Association met with the Pleasant Hill Church on March 11, 1967 for the purpose of ordaining two deacons. Namely, Otis Hickman and Richard Young.

The Pastor Rev. Jewel Craig served as chairman.

Rev. Homer Smith brought the message and gave the charge.

The Ordination Prayer was led by Rev. Jewel Craig and closed by Rev. Ray Middleton. All members of the board were present.

Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. Carl Postlewaite, Rev. Ray Middleton, Dea. Lee Evans, Dea. Charley Franklin

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: We your Sunday School Committee recommend the use of the King James version of the Bible, Free Will Baptist Literature, and all officers and teachers be Christians. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6. We urge everyone, including parents to attend Sunday School regularly and invite and encourage those to come that are not attending Sunday School anywhere.

SIGNED:

Sis. Virginia Housley
Sis. Bessie Hogue
Sis. Grace Kelsay

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: We your Temperance Committee recommend that all Christians abstain from all sinful amusements as well as alcoholic beverages, to shun the appearance of evil, and to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. All Christians should be ready at all times to witness for the Lord in speech and actions.

SIGNED:

Sis. Virginia Postlewait
Sis. Eda Cooper
Sis. Grace Royster

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: We the Mission Association Committee Resolve: We your Church Training Service Committee knowing the importance of a training program in the local church urge the leadership to actively encourage the organization and development of CTS. We would further encourage an active participation in the monthly CTS rallies as sponsored by the Association.

SIGNED:

Rev. Eddie Altis
Sis. Elizabeth Gibson
Sis. Marie Hels'ey

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT: We the Committee on Obituary submit the following: Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to their reward the following, since our last Association: Bro. Jess Young, Bro. R. E. Kinche-loe, Sis. Lula Hopkins, Sis. Anna Rutter, Bro. Ed Gosley, Bro. Frank Coday, Bro. Eli Tate, Sis. Lena Romines, Sis. Bell Dugger, Bro. James Baker, Sis. Gillie Reeves. Bro. Charlie Rich, Bro. Roy Broyles, Bro. Fred Shannon. Let us stand in a moment of silent prayer in behalf of our loved ones and in reverence to them.

SIGNED:

Sis. Bessie Keys
Sis. Clara Huff
Sis. Nola Yeager

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH REPORT: We, your committee on the Observance of the Sabbath refer you first to Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Exodus 20:11 reads: "For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day, wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath Day and hallowed it." We as Christians believe—observing Sunday, the first day of the week as our Sabbath, a day of rest from physical labor and from business transactions and best of all, a day to worship God by attending church services and other religious activities that glorify God.

SIGNED:

Sis. Bertha Findley
Sis. Verba Smith
Sis. Ava Freeman

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF MISSION ASSOCIATION

Amount carried over	\$206.27
Amount of offering at 1966 Association	182.60
Gift from Security Bank	5.00
Treatise Sold	2.10
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	\$395.97

Expenditures:

Supplies	\$ 12.25
Clerk Fee	40.00
State Association	50.00
Mtn. Grove Journal (Minutes and Programs)	101.40
Postage	2.60
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	\$206.25

Balance in Treasury, August 1967	\$189.72
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CHURCH OFFICIALS PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

Minister and Church	Address
George Bryant, Pleasant Home	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Everett Hopkins, Mtn. Valley	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Max Courtney, Salem	Licking, Mo.
Ezra Butts, Wilow Springs	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Morris Akers, Mt. Pisgah	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Leon Bressler, New Rock Springs	Cabool, Mo.
Bud Hill, Grant Avenue	Springfield, Mo.
Leonard Keys, Mt. Zion No. 2	Norwood, Mo.
Lester Lawler, New Home	Hartville, Mo.
Leslie Means, Faith and Hope	Wil'ow Springs, Mo.
C. D. Findley, Pea Ridge	Mansfield, Mo.
Eddie Altis, Rock Chapel	Springfield, Mo.
F. D. Johnson, Bethel	West Plains, Mo.
W. S. Turner, Bethel	West Plains, Mo.
H. A. Higby, Little Vine Association	
Herbert Vandivort, New Rock Springs	Cabool, Mo.
Luther Gibson, Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Homer Smith, Mtn. Grove	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
O. T. Dixon, Grant Avenue	Springfield, Mo.
Fred Wynn, Hartville	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Clifford Klingensmith, Union Grove	Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Gordon Heckendorn, Harmony	Seymour, Mo.
C'yde Montgomery, Caool	Cabool, Mo.
William Harrison, Salem	Salem, Mo.
Donivan Maxwell, Cabool	Cabool, Mo.
Leland Horton, Hartville	Hartville, Mo.

Ronnie Turner, Pleasant Grove
Tharold Edwards, Grant Avenue
R. E. Helsley, Wolf Creek
Fred Mar'ler, Happy Home
Russell Stout, Salem

Ministers Wives

Virginia Postlewait
Verba Smith
Edwina Bryant
Elizabeth Gibson
Bertha Adamson
Grace Royster
Bertha Findley
Mrs. Leon Bressler
Dollie Horton
Bessie Keys
Arizona Klingensmith
Bessie Hogue
Tula Johnson
Nellie Turner
Bessie Vandivort
Virginia Marler
Rose Helsley
Wilma Turner

Deacons

Leonard Fry
Elmer Ellington
E. H. Freeman
C. E. Pembrook
Roy K. Huff
J. E. Adamson
E. T. Watson
Chester Bennett
Riley Hutsel
Oscar Yeager
Luther Curry
Austa Reeves
Troy McCleary
Ernest Maxwell
Otis Hickman
Jess Barker
Bert Austin
Macy Gregory
C. L. Skinner
James Cameron
Charley Franklin

Deacon's Wives

Grace Skinner

Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Kansas City, Mo.
Mansfield, Mo.
Seymour, Mo.
Salem, Mo.

Church

New Rock Springs
Mtn. Grove
Pleasant Home
Mtn. Grove
Pea Ridge
Mtn. Grove
Pea Ridge
New Rock Springs
Hartville
Mt. Zion No. 2
Union Chapel No. 1
Faith & Hope
West Plains
West Plains
New Rock Springs
Happy Home
Wolf Creek
Pleasant Grove

Church

Happy Home
Mtn. Grove
New Rock Springs
New Rock Springs
Union
Pea Ridge
Willow Springs
Wolf Creek
Mtn. Grove
Mt. Zion No. 2
Mt. Pisgah
Mt. Pisgah
Mt. Zion No. 2
Number One
Pleasant Hill
Mtn. Grove
Pleasant Hill
Hartville
Happy Ridge
Lead Hill
Mtn. Grove
Church
Happy Ridge

Mrs. Leonard Fry
 Marie Pembrook
 Mrs. E. H. Freeman
 Clara Huff
 Mrs. Fred Ussery
 Ollie Watson
 Nola Yeager
 Virginia Housley
 Venice McCleary
 Ruth Hickman
 Lavelle Headley
 Ruth Shelton
 Bertha Gregory
 Braxine Evans
 Elizabeth Patton
 Edna Barker
 Mary Alice Hosiner
 Erma Austin
 Mrs. Earl Hull
 Letha Franklin

Church Clerks

Delphia Young
 Bertha Adamson
 Ruth Hickman
 Lavelle Headley
 Mary Alice Hosiner
 Clobell Deeds
 Virginia Marler

Delegates

Marie Hels ey
 Ruth Owens
 Stella Mowry
 Ben Ussery
 Bessie Deeds
 Edna Wagoner
 Mary Jane Greenfield
 Rita Dake
 Eda Cooper
 Karen Huff
 Karla Bates
 Linda Long
 Jean Ann McGowan
 Elizabeth Bresler
 Pamela Robertson
 Jewel Wagner
 Fern Miller
 Venita Claxton
 Ila Mae Venable

Happy Home
 New Rock Springs
 New Rock Springs
 Union
 Union Grove
 Willow Springs
 Mt. Zion No. 2
 Rock Chapel
 Mt. Zion No. 2
 Pleasant Hill
 Hartville
 Union
 Hartville
 Grant Avenue
 Grant Avenue
 Mtn. Grove
 Lone Star
 Pleasant Grove
 Mtn. Grove
 Mtn. Grove

Church

Rock Chapel
 Pea Ridge
 First Quarterly Meeting
 Hartville
 Lone Star
 Mtn. Valley
 Harmony Quarter y Meeting

Church

Rock Chapel
 Rock Chapel
 Cabool
 Cabool
 Happy Home
 Happy Home
 Union Grove
 Union Grove
 Mountain Grove
 Union
 Union
 Mountain Valley
 Mountain Valley
 New Rock Springs
 New Rock Springs
 Faith and Hope
 Faith and Hope
 New Home
 New Home

Janice Fogerson	Pleasant Home
Carla Davis	Pleasant Home
Bertha Adamson	Pea Ridge
Orland Weihs	Pea Ridge
Grace Kelsay	Mt. Zion No. 2
Beulah Smith	Mt. Zion No. 2
Burney Cantrell	Pleasant Hill
Lola Cantrell	Pleasant Hill
Mabel Smith	Grant Avenue
Ralph Odom	Mt. Pisgah
Carla Odom	Mt. Pisgah
Eula Perry	Mountain Grove
Daisey Morton	Hartville
Yvonne Headley	Hartville
Harry Beatty	St. Louis Quarterly Meeting
Brenda Fry	Willow Springs
Olva Fry	Willow Springs
Glenda Keith	Wolf Creek
Connie Calhoun	Wolf Creek
Mary Alice Hosiner	Lone Star
Patty Davis	Harmony Quarterly Meeting
Carl Hutsell	Number One
Sharon Painter	Pleasant Grove
Joretta Painter	Pleasant Grove

MINISTERS OF MISSION ASSOCIATION NOT PRESENT

Rev. Harry Johns	Rev. Warren Mitchell
Rev. Walter Cardwell	Rev. Virgil Mathis
Rev. Cecil Andersn	Rev. Howard G. Barr
Rev. Earl Austin	Rev. Floyd Roberts
Rev. Tommy Boaz	Rev. George Taylor
Rev. Willie Bennett	Rev. Richard Knaak
Rev. E. B. Watson	Rev. Woodrow McCall
Rev. Willie Atherton	Rev. Ray Middleton
Rev. Gene Postlewait	Rev. Seth Draper
Rev. Carl Postlewait	Rev. Jewell Craig
Rev. Otho Means	Rev. Kermith Bass
Rev. Melvin Greuter	Rev. G. E. Hutsell
Rev. Billy Price	Rev. Hubert Harral
Rev. Harold Helsley	Rev. Larry Newton

SALEM—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Max Courtney, Licking, Mo.

DEACONS: Eldon Wood and Don Harrison

CLERK: Lavon Harrison, Salem, Missouri

HARMONY—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Gordon Heckendorn, Seymour, Missouri

DEACONS:

CLERK: Leanna Borders, Seymour, Missouri

LONE STAR—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Seth Draper, Springfield, Missouri

DEACONS: Scott Kasterke, Philip Hosiner, John Cameron and
Walter Duckworth

CLERK: Mary Alice Hosiner, Seymour, Missouri

PEA RIDGE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Charley Findley, Mansfield, Missouri

DEACON: Johnny Adamson

CLERK: Bertha Adamson, Mansfield, Missouri

FAITH & HOPE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Morris Akers, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: J. F. Miller, Harmon McCart and Evan Coatney

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

LEAD HILL—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Tommy Boaz, Springfield, Missouri

DEACONS: Judd Corder, Mose Ipock and James A. Cameron

CLERK: Lois Carder, Mansfield, Missouri

WILLOW SPRINGS—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Ezra Butts, Route 3, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: E. T. Watson, Wayne Fry, Philip Fry, John Shannon
and Wayne Simpson

CLERK: Dora Fry, Route 3, Mountain Grove, Missouri

GRANT AVENUE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR:

DEACONS: Lee Evans, Raymond Kensinger, Coday Draper, Elmer Patton and Shelby Smith, all of Springfield, Missouri

CLERK: Mrs. Mildred Kensinger, 2400 W. Nichols, Springfield,
Missouri

HAPPY RIDGE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Dave Parrott, Willow Springs

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

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

NEW HOME—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Clyde Montgomery, Cabool, Missouri

DEACONS: Claude Lawler, Woodrow Lawler, Vernice Long,
and Burl Austin

CLERK: Pauline Long, Hartville., Missouri

NEW ROCK SPRINGS—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Carl Postlewait, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Emmitt Freeman, Cabool, Mo., Noble Wyrick,
Graff., Mo., Edgar Pembroke., Mountain Grove, Missouri

CLERK: Mrs. Bessie Vandivort, Cabool, Missouri

NUMBER ONE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Gene Postlewait, Huggins, Missouri

DEACONS: John Baker, Huggins, Mo., Ernest Maxwell, Huggins, Mo., Frank Spencer, Lynchburg, Missouri

CLERK: Mrs. Pearl Reed, Huggins, Missouri

CABOOL—July 1966-1967

PASTOR:

DEACONS: Cecil White, Elmer Ellis and Stanley Hanna

CLERK: Estella Hanna, Cabool, Missouri

PLEASANT HOME No. 1—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. George Bryant, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Noel Elliott, C. N. Wood, Austin Fogerson, Allen M. Rankin and Erastic Davis

CLERK: Harold Coble, Vanzant,, Missouri

PLEASANT HILL—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Earl Irish, Fordland, Missouri

DEACONS: Ralston Claxton, Otis Hickman, and Richard Young

CLERK: Mrs. Wilma Flake,, Hartville, Missouri

PLEASANT GROVE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Ronnie Turner, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Floyd Curtis and Bert Austin of Hartville, Mo.

CLERK: Lavella Curtis, Route 1, Hartville, Missouri

UNION—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Donivan Maxwell, Cabool, Missouri

DEACONS: Roy K. Huff, Harold Price, Bill Shelton, Gale Kiser

CLERK: Nolan Neal, Success, Missouri

UNION GROVE—July 1966-1967

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

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

CLERK: Elizabeth Kempt, Norwood, Missouri

WOLF CREEK—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. G. E. Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Ernie Millsap, Otis Helsley and Chester Bennett of Mansfield, Missouri

CLERK: Dorothy Millsap, Mansfield, Missouri

HARTVILLE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Leland Horton, Hartville, Missouri

DEACONS: Macy Gregory, Andy Browitt, Bob Dugger, Harding Headley, all of Hartville, Missouri

CLERK: Lavelle Headley, Hartville, Missouri

HAPPY HOME—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Fred Marler, Seymour, Missouri

DEACONS: Ben Dougherty, Leonard Fry, Ethmer Peak, all of Ava, Mo., Arnold Day, Mansfield, Missouri

CLERK: Lorene Daugherty, Ava, Missouri

MOUNTAIN GROVE—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Luther Gibson, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Ray Hu'sell, W. K. Elliott, Edd Shannon, Charley Franklin, Jess Barker, Buck Franklin, Elmer Ellington, Elzie Edwards, Earl Hull, all of Mountain Grove, Missouri

CLERK: Francis Elliott, Mountain Grove, Missouri

MT. PISGAH—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Billy Price, Houston, Missouri

DEACONS: James Odom, Luther Curry, Floyd Walls, Ne'l Hamilton and Austa Reeves

CLERK: Loyd Walls, Route 1, Cabool, Missouri

MTN. VALLEY—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. H. B. Smith, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Bill Robinson, Roy Sanders, Clark Deeds, Galen Neher and Wayne Moore

CLERK: Clobell Deeds Route 3, Mountain Grove, Missouri

MT. ZION No. 2—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Everett Hopkins, Mountain Grove, Missouri

DEACONS: Oscar Yeager, John Grimes, Troy McCleary, Darrell Willhite

CLERK: Troy McCleary Hartville, Missouri

ROCK CHAPEL—July 1966-1967

PASTOR: Rev. Eddie Altis, Springfield, Missouri

DEACONS: Jim Coffman, Wess Housley, Shelby Housley, Don Smith and Fred Wood

CLERK: Delphia Young, Norwood, Missouri

MINISTERS REPORTS

NAMES	Funerals	Revivals	Church Pastored	Sermons	Received into Church	Professions	Baptised
R. E. Helsley	4	7	1	150		27	4
Leland Horton	1	2	1	114	1	6	4
Seth Draper				96	2	2	2
Everett Hopkins		1		125		8	5
Homer Smith	19	1	1	91	9	4	9
Ronnie Turner		5	1	155	3	24	13
Virgil Mathis				27			
Carl Postlewait	2	3	1	118	1	4	1
Lester Lawler			1		5	2	2
Clyde Montgomery				98		1	
Max Courtney		1	1	136	6	6	8
Morris Akers		4	1	107	2	6	2
Ezra Butts		1	1	133	10		4
O. T. Al'red	1	2	1	104	9	8	4
Jewell Craig	4	1	1			4	

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 lives 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.

Name	Year 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
Rev. E. E. Winfree	1965

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, Church Training Service and Woman's 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 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 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 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

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 administering 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.

17. All applicants for license or ordination shall be examined by an examining committee composed of five members, at least three of whom shall be ordained ministers, the committee to be appointed by the moderator. The Examining Committee shall interview all applicants in private and shall use the standard of examination formerly approved as resolution, to be printed in separate form and distributed to all ministers and churches in the Association.

18. No member of this body shall serve on the Executive Board of both this annual meeting and the quarterly meeting at the same time.

19. All churches that compose this body shall prepare a statistical report on the form supplied by the clerk, who is the statistician, of the association, as soon as possible after receipt of the form at the end of June each year.

20. All ministers of this Association should provide to the Clerk a report of their work of the previous year.

21. Any minister of this Association who cannot attend the yearly meeting should submit to the clerk a written report, including a reason for his inability to attend.

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 whosoever 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 assembling 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 another's 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 and 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.

	Harmony Church Gordon Heckendorn, Pastor Clerk, Leanna Borders	Salem Church Max Courtney, Pastor Lavon Harrison, Clerk	Grant Avenue Church Dorcas Weisman, Clerk	Lead Hill Church Tommy Boaz, Pastor Lo's Corder, Clerk	Number One Church Gene Postlewaite, Pastor Pearl Reed, Clerk	New Rock Springs Church Carl Postlewait, Pastor Bessie Vandivort, Clerk	Pleasant Home Church George Bryant, Pastor Harold Coble, Clerk	Faith & Hope Church Morris Akers, Pastor Faye Coatney, Clerk	Happy Home Church Fred Marler, Pastor Lorene Dougherty, Clerk	Rock Chapel Church Eddie Altis, Pastor Delpha Young, Clerk	Mtn. Valley Church Homer Smith, Pastor Clobell Deen's, Clerk	Union Church Donivan Maxwell, Pastor Nolan Neal, Clerk	Pearidge Church Charley Findley, Pastor Bertha Adamson, Clerk	Mt. Zion No. 2 Church Everett Hopkins, Pastor Troy McCleary, Clerk	Mt. Pisgah Church Billy Price, Pastor Lloyd Walls, Clerk	Cabool Church Estella Hanna, Clerk	Willow Springs Church Fara Butts, Pastor Dora Fry, Clerk	Union Grove Church R. E. Helsley, Pastor Elizabeth Kempt, Clerk	New Home Church Clyde Montgomery, Pastor Pauline Long, Clerk	Pleasant Hill Church Earl Irish, Pastor Wilma Flake, Clerk	Hartville Church Leland Horton, Pastor Lavelle Headley, Clerk	Wolf Creek Church G. E. Hutsell, Pastor Dorothy Millsap, Clerk	Mtn. Grove Church Luther Gibson, Pastor Francis Elliott, Clerk	Lone Star Church Seth Draper, Pastor Mary Alice Hosiner, Clerk	Happy Ridge Church Dave Parrott, Pastor Doris Richardson, Clerk	Pleasant Grove Church Ronnie Turner, Pastor Lavelle Curtis, Clerk
Church Membership	59	44	349	55	58	55	91	70	48	147	104	66	19	58	100	84	189	66	86	88	78	71	558	56	41	48
Resident	43	32	311	29	33	33	67	47	39	96	81	34	17	47	48	68	69	56	46	41	68	51	345	45		45
Members Received			57						3	18	12	5		6		9	10	1			1	8	1			3
Members Dismissed			2			2				1	4			1	5	1	10									
Deceased																										
Sunday School Avg. Attendance	25	27	215	25	39	50	58	31	47	65	54	1	25	40	59	55	85	55	3	11	1		5	1		
League Enrollment		36	120			25	30	25		50	38	38	25	40	59	40	50	12	35	30			318	45	25	45
Womans Aux. Membership			37								38	20				12	16		12			55	40			
Prayer Meeting Attendance																										
No. Ordained Ministers	2	2	6	1	3	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	3	2	5	5	1		1	2		2	3			1
No. Ordained Deacons		2	5	3	3	3	5	3	4	5	5	4	1	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	2	3	9	4	2	2
Youth Camp Gifts						50.00																				
Amount Paid Pastor	271.34	325.00	6,500.00		1,120.00	1,200.00	1,360.00	1,010.00		1,600.00	900.00	2,255.96	480.00	480.00	1,225.00	1,300.00	2,840.00	1,200.00	1,295.95	758.30	1,820.00	1,560.00	7,275.00	740.00		1,120.00
Evangelistic Work		75.00	200.00			150.00	125.00	52.25		100.00	150.00	325.00		60.76	200.00	100.00	623.13	190.00	162.00	96.00	163.97	145.00	150.00			105.00
Building and Repair	825.36	193.40	5,951.03		254.91		457.89	81.00		61.60	430.00			100.00	24.00	689.13	1,189.27	408.53		2,185.34		621.94	1,090.56	226.50		
Literature		32.85	1,568.15			128.00	307.94	91.58		287.02	181.92	222.08		40.00	247.36	306.74	247.04	113.29	70.00	98.23	199.44		2,044.78	200.00		76.20
Cooperative Fund		10.00	2,506.35				110.02	39.21		327.10	184.44	100.00			75.51	555.80						2,667.89				186.81
Missions, Bible College,						145.00	328.84			209.96				51.39	163.00	64.28	163.69		320.00			2,278.07	50.00			936.71
Incidental		89.86	2,456.55		242.01	207.35	387.53	128.85		1,104.34	180.00	938.61		700.00	759.33	343.30	966.16	244.41	318.00	137.63		195.00	300.00			239.26
Value of Church Property	8,000.00		145,000.00	4,500.00	10,000.00		6,300.00			6,000.00	3,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	8,500.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	12,000.00	7,000.00	100,000.00	3,000		10,000.00
Amount Sent for Minutes	5.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	10.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.48	3.00	7.00	15.00	5.00	2.00	2.50

