



Mission Association

OF

Free Will Baptists

MINUTES

OF

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF

MISSION ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

1979

HELD WITH THE

NEW ROCK SPRINGS

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

BENDAVIS, MISSOURI

**Minutes
Of
Thirty-First Annual Session
Of
Mission Association
Of
Free Will Baptist Churches
Held With The
New Rock Springs Free Will Baptist Church
At
Bendavis, Missouri
May 11th & 12th, 1979**

General Board Member State Association Rev. Millard Sasser

OFFICERS

Rev. R. E. Helsley Moderator
Rev. Lynn Wood Assistant Moderator
Rev. Max Courtney Clerk-Treasurer
Bro. Dan Vandivort Assistant Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Bro. Jerold Ballard 1984
Rev. Max Courtney 1983
Rev. Bud Arnold 1982
Rev. Lynn Wood 1981
Bro. Bill Shelton 1980

MISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Rev. Bob White (Indefinite term)

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD

Bro. Jack Keesling 1984
Bro. Dan Vandivort 1983
Bro. Shelby Housley 1982
Rev. Bob White 1981
Bro. Phillip Fry 1980

NEXT ASSOCIATION TO MEET AT THE MOUNTAIN GROVE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTH MAIN STREET, MOUNTAIN GROVE, MISSOURI MAY 9th AND 10th, 1980 BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M. MAY 9th AND 9:00 A.M. MAY 10th.

PROCEEDINGS
Friday, May 11, 1979, 7:30 P.M.

The thirty-first annual session of Mission Association was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Max Courtney. Rev. Greg McAllister led the congregation in the hymn, "All Hail The Power." Opening prayer by Rev. Gene Postelwait.

Rev. McAllister led the congregation in the hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes.

The clerk introduced the moderator, Rev. Howard Bowers, pastor of Rock Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Bowers gave the moderator's message. (See Worship Service and Messages in this book)

A motion and second carried that the Moderator appoint an assistant moderator in the absence of Rev. Helsley who was in revival services. The temporary assistant to serve for the Friday Evening Session. Rev. Clyde Montgomery was appointed to serve.

The moderator and assistant moderator appointed the following committees: (1) Pulpit Committee; (2) Committee on Committees; (3) Credentials Committee. (See Committees in this book)

Visiting delegates and members of other bodies were recognized by the moderator. Bro. and Sis. Crawford, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee; Bro. Tommie Allen, Norman, Oklahoma were introduced.

The moderator called the attention of the body and delegates to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mission Association printed on pages 21 through 24 of the minutes and stated that these by-laws would be strictly adhered to in all the proceedings.

A call was made for church letters by the moderator. He pointed out that in addition to the long-form letters mailed to the clerk, a short letter of presentation from all the churches would be necessary in order to accommodate the delegates, requests, and recent statistics of the churches. All those to be licensed or ordained, and those whose papers from other associations were pending approval by the Mission Association should report to the proper committees during this Friday Evening Session.

The moderator called for the business session to be adjourned for the Evening Worship Service that was to follow. (See Worship Services and Messages in this book)

Following the worship service, the clerk read a report from the pulpit committee. The committee reported that Rev. Ralph Cook, Pastor of Wayside Free Will Baptist Church would bring the Saturday Morning Message.

A motion and second carried to adjourn the Friday Evening session. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gene Crewse.

Saturday, May 12, 1979, 9:00 A.M.

The session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Howard Bowers. Rev. Greg McAllister led the congregation in the hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm." Prayer was offered by Rev. Joe Day.

The moderator called for all church letters to be turned into the credentials committee.

A devotion was presented by Rev. Lester Davis, Pastor of Cabool Church. (See Worship Services & Messages in this book)

The report of the Christian Education Board was read. (See Reports in this book) A motion and second carried to receive this report.

Report of Missions Co-Ordinator for Mission Association was read. A motion and second carried to adopt this report. (See Reports in this book).

This Statistical Report was read by the Clerk. A motion and second carried to adopt this report. (See Reports in this book) (It was noted by the clerk that two churches had failed to report on the long-form report in time to be included in the statistics. (1) the Trinity Church, (2) the Happy Ridge Church had failed to send their reports to the clerk by April 15th, the deadline for filing the reports. For this reason, the statistical information would not be exactly correct.)

The report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College was read by the clerk. A motion and second carried to receive this report. (See Reports in this book)

The letter from the Mission Association to the Missouri State Association was read by the clerk. A motion and second carried to adopt the report, and to approve the representation fee of \$145.00. Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Cummins and Delia Neil were elected as delegates and the Moderator was given the authorization to appoint the other four delegates at the State Association. (The clerk noted that the information in the letter was the same information given in the statistical report. See reports in this book)

Two areas of concern were noted by the clerk. The finances are dangerously low in relationship with the needed expenditures. Due to the inflating prices for printing, postage, etc. (\$275.45 for printing of programs, minutes, & envelopes & postage this past year) The treasury is now \$23.00 at this point. We will need even more money to operate on this coming year. We need to urge the churches to send their proper representational fee and to be aware of this problem.

Also, we are lacking three of the minute books in having a complete set of minutes from the origin of the Mission Association. Even though we have the minutes in a ledger for these years, it would be well if we also had the missing books. I would like to recommend that we secure copies of these books, (1954, 1955, & 1971 minutes) and try to have them bound in a binder to preserve them. I would like for us to take some action on the financial condition during this meeting, and take action on the minutes at the next meeting.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read. A motion and second carried to adopt the report. (See reports in this book)

An auditing committee was appointed by the moderator to audit the treasurer's books. Bro. Nolan Neil, Bro. Bart Austin, and Sis. Dora Fry were appointed.

The Youth Camp Board report was given by Rev. Lynn Wood. A motion and second carried to receive the report. (See Reports in this book)

Rev. Roger Reeds, National Sunday School & C.T.S. Director,

gave the National Sunday School Board report. A motion and second carried to receive the report. (See Reports in this book)

Rev. Clarence Burton gave the report of the Missouri State Promotional Secretary. A motion and second carried to receive this report. (See reports in this book)

The Credentials Committee Report was read by the clerk. A motion and second carried to adopt the report, receive the churches, and seat their delegates. (See Reports in this book)

A resolution from the Credentials Committee was read concerning the Greater Springfield Association. After a motion and second, Rev. Millard Sasser noted that the three Springfield Churches that are members of the Mission Association along with the other churches of the new association were asking that this resolution be passed for the sole purpose of organizing a local Springfield association for a closer fellowship there in that area. He stated that none of these churches were in opposition to any of the policies or operations of the associations of which they are now members. This resolution carried unanimously by the vote of the body. (See Reports in this book)

The clerk read a further report from the Credentials Committee stating that the total amount of money received from all churches with their letters was \$250.00. A motion and second carried to adopt this segment of the Credentials Committee Report. (See reports in this book for the list of churches and amount given by each church)

Bro. Crawford gave the report from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. A motion and second carried to receive this report and extend the appreciation of the association to the Bible College, the Sunday School Department, and others for sending representatives to the Mission Association to share these reports and fellowship. (See reports in this book)

The Credentials Committee reported on the ministers to receive Annual cards of good standing with the Mission Association for the coming year. A motion and second carried to adopt the report and grant cards of good standing to the list of ministers read along with those approved by this association. (See Reports in this book for the list of ministers)

A pulpit committee was appointed to select a speaker for the closing service. Charles Franklin, Russel McDaris, and Lester Davis were appointed.

The moderator asked that the association adjourn for the eleven o'clock worship service. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Clyde Montgomery. Rev. Ralph Cook to bring the message. (See Messages & Worship Services in this book)

The services were resumed following the worship services and visiting ministers and delegates were recognized. Rev. Bill Eaton, Niangua Association, Rev. Silas Johnson, Cabool, Rev. Gary Hutsell, Salem, Rev. Ivan Parker, Rev. George Bryant, Hartville, Rev. Roger Reeds, Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Glen Murray, Batesville, Arkansas, Rev. & Mrs. Robert Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Clarence Burton, Lebanon.

The Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Glen Murray of Batesville, Arkansas would bring the afternoon message.

The moderator asked that an offering be received for the expenses of the association. Prayer of thanksgiving offered by Rev. Lester Davis.

Services were adjourned for the noon meal. Services dismissed and thanks offered for the food by Rev. R. E. Helsley.

Saturday Afternoon, May 12, 1979, 1:00 P.M.

The afternoon service was called to order by the assistant moderator, Rev. R. E. Helsley. Rev. Lynn Wood led the congregation in the hymn, "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Prayer by Rev. Clarence Burton.

A devotion was given by Rev. Tommie Allen of Norman, Oklahoma. (See Worship Services & Messages in this book)

The Credentials Committee reported that Rev. Earl Irish, Rev. Silas Johnson, and Rev. Gary Hutsell had been examined and they had found their papers were in order. The committee requested that the requests of the churches of which these ministers are members be honored and that they be received into full fellowship of Mission Association. A motion and second carried to grant this request.

The Credentials Committee also reported that they had examined Rev. David McGowan and found him to be sound in his doctrinal position. They recommended that the request of his church be granted, and that he be granted his first year's license to preach the Gospel. A motion and second carried to grant this request.

A motion and second carried to accept the invitation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Mtn. Grove, and hold the 1980 session of Mission Association with their church on May 9th & 10th, 1980.

A motion and second carried to adopt the Obituary Committee Report. (See Reports in this book)

A motion and second carried to adopt the Auditing Committee's Report. (See Reports in this book)

A motion and second carried to adopt the Sunday School & C.T.S. Committee's Report. (See Reports in this book)

A motion and second carried to adopt the report of the Temperance Committee and commend them for the good report. (See Reports in this book)

The moderator called for the report of the Observance of the Lord's Day Committee. The committee reported that they had not prepared a report.

A motion and second was made that we eliminate the "Observance Of The Lord's Day Committee." In the discussion that followed it was stated that this committee seemed to be in contrast with the doctrinal position of the Free Will Baptist Denomination in as much as our position is and has always been that Sunday is the Lord's Day and worship services and Sunday School are to be observed in all of our churches on this day. It was also pointed out that it is and has always been the duty and privilege of all Free Will Baptists everywhere to attend these services and support them with our presence and precepts. A motion and second carried to table this resolution so that

it could be acted upon in accordance with our by-laws in a future meeting.

Rev. Gary Hutsell, Pastor of the Salem Church was nominated and elected by acclamation to preach the keynote message at the next Mission Association Meeting at the First Church of Mtn. Grove.

Rev. Lynn Wood, pastor of the Mtn. Grove First Church was nominated and elected by acclamation to be the alternate speaker for the keynote message at the next association meeting.

A letter of representation from the Union Association of Free Will Baptists was read. A motion and second carried that the letter be received, the delegates be recognized, and the request of Union Association be granted that we send corresponding delegates and a letter to their Association when it next meets.

Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Montgomery were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as corresponding delegates to the Union Association.

Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Helsley were nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as corresponding delegates to the General Baptist Association when it meets September 13th through 15th, 1979.

Rev. R. E. Helsley was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as moderator of Mission Association for the coming year.

Rev. Lynn Wood was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as assistant moderator of Mission Association for the coming year.

Rev. Max Courtney was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as clerk-treasurer of Mission Association for the coming year.

Bro. Dan Vandivort was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve as assistant clerk of Mission Association for the coming year.

A motion and second carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and the good food and also for our retiring moderator, Rev. Howard Bowers to wish him Godspeed in his new missionary endeavour.

A motion and second carried to adjourn the business session of Mission Association for 1979 to meet at the Mountain Grove First Free Will Baptist Church on May 9th and 10th, 1980.

The Saturday Afternoon Worship Service followed the preceedings. (See Worship Services & Messages in this book).

WORSHIP SERVICES AND MESSAGES

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1979 by Rev. Howard Bowers

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST, Acts 10:34-46

- I. The Reality of the Lordship of Christ (Acts 10:34-36)
- II. The Realm of the Lordship of Christ (Acts 10:34-36)
- III. The Relevance of the Lordship of Christ
- IV. The Recognition of the Lordship of Christ

FRIDAY EVENING MESSAGE, May 11, 1979
by Rev. Bob White

THE PERFECT NEIGHBOR, Luke 10:30-37

(Prayer by Rev. Ralph Cook. Special music by Quartet from New Rock Springs Church, "At The Call of the Lord")

- I. A Holy City And A Paradise of God (Luke 10:12; Genesis 2:16-17)
 - A. Honor dwells in the possibility of dishonor
 - B. In obedience & honor (verse 30) In disobedience & dishonor (Genesis 3:16)
 - C. A man half dead (verse 30; Genesis 3:23)
- II. The Effect of Sin
 - A. The curse of labor
 - B. The curse of pain of child bearing
 - C. The curse of murder
 - D. The curse of aging
 - E. The curse of separation
- III. The Remission of Sin
 - A. A priest came by No help Sacrificial law no help
 - B. A Levite came by Written law no help
 - C. A Samaritan came to where he was A type of Christ
Was able to help (Hebrews 7:14; Oil & Wine are types of the Blood and Spirit The beast he set him upon a type of God's Grace The Inn a type of the Church)
 - 1. The medical center for the soul is the church
 - 2. The teaching institution is the church
 - 3. The family relationship is pictured in the church
 - 4. The united outreach is found in the church

SATURDAY MORNING DEVOTION, MAY 12, 1979,
By Rev. Lester Davis

SHARING SPIRITUAL GIFTS, Romans 1:11-12

- I. To comfort one another
- II. The Grace of God
- III. The Mercies of God
- IV. Faith in God

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, May 12, 1979
By Rev. Ralph Cook

THE WISDOM OF GOD AND THE FOOLISHNESS OF MAN,
Romans 1:15; 1 Corinthians 1:19)

(Hymns "Lillie of the Valley & Stand Up For Jesus" Prayer by Rev. Millard Sasser. Special Songs by Bro. & Sis. Keith, "The First Thing I Want To See, I'm Adopted, and He Rolled Me Over The Tide.")

- I. WHERE IS THE WISE (1 Corinthians 1:20)
 - A. National leaders?
 - B. Church leaders?
 - C. In Church is our wisdom
- II. GOD USES THE FOOLISHNESS OF PREACHING (1 Corinthians 1:21)
 - A. Foolish to the lost
 - B. Foolish to unconcerned
 - C. Wisdom to the Godly and used of God for His glory

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON DEVOTION,
Saturday, May 12, 1979, By Rev. Tommie Allen**

THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY TO OTHERS, Colossians 3:12-17

- I. Be Compassionate To Each Other
- II. Be Kind To Each Other
- III. Be Humble When Dealing With Each Other
- IV. Be Gentle When Dealing With Each Other
- V. Be Patient When Dealing With Each Other
- VI. Be Forbearing One Another
- VII. Be Forgiving Of One Another
- VIII. Be Loving One Toward Another

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE
Saturday, May 12, 1979, by Rev. Glen Murray**

THE SONG IN YOUR HEART, Psalm 40:3

(Hymn "I Will Work." Prayer by Rev. Bob White. Special music from New Home Church, "I Need No Mansion Here Below." Special music by Bob & Glenda Keith, "That Night I Walked The Isle.")

- I. A Song Of Praise He has rescued our souls
- II. A Song of Testimony A Christian must reproduce
- III. A Song of Submission God asked Abraham for Isaac, but He wanted Abraham as well

THOSE WHO ATTENDED

Rev. & Mrs. Joseph E. Day, Pastor, Mtn. Valley Church
Harry & Leora Hayes, Deacon & Clerk, Salem Church
Judy Ice, Delegate, Mt. Pisgah Church
Rev. & Mrs. Bill Eden, Pastor, Cedar Ridge Church
Rev. & Mrs. Ivan Parker, Pastor New Home Church
Rev. & Mrs. Earl Irish, Minister, Cabool, Mo.
Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Pierce, Cabool, Mo.
Dora Fry, Clerk, Willow Springs Church
Marjorie Lathrom, Delegate, Number One Church
Teresa Nevels, Delegate, Number One Church
Erma Austin, Deacon's wife, Pleasant Grove Church
Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Helsley, Pastor, Wolf Creek Church
Rev. & Mrs. Russell McDaris, Pastor, Mt. Zion No. 2 Church
Venice McCleary, Mt. Zion No. 2 Church
Lucy Keith, Delegate, New Home Church
Retha Shull, Delegate, New Home Church
Rev. & Mrs. Kermet Bass, Visiting Minister, Mt. Zion No. 1 Church
Eda Cooper, Mtn. Grove, First Church
Mozell Raney, Deacon, Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Fred & Exie Ussery, Deacon, Union Grove Church
Silas & Phyllis Johnston, Minister, Trinity Church
Rev. Lester O. Davis, Pastor, Cabool Church
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Crewse, Pastor, New Rock Springs Church
Rev. Howard Bowers, Pastor, Rock Chapel Church
Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Wyrick, Delegate, New Rock Springs Church
Mr. & Mrs. William Coble, Delegate, New Rock Springs Church
Rev. Clarence Burton, Visiting Minister, Lebanon, Mo.
Rev. Gary Hutsell, Pastor, Salem Church
Ralph Cummins, Delegate, Houston Church
Chester Fox, Deacon, Houston Church
Ollie Watson, Deacon's Wife, Willow Springs Church
Olive Adamson, Delegate, Willow Springs Church
Bob Adamson, Delegate, Willow Springs Church
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Freeman, Deacon, New Rock Springs Church
Roger C. Reeds, Visiting Minister, Nashville, Tennessee
Bessie Vandivort, Minister's Wife, New Rock Springs Church
Rev. Herbert Vandivort, Minister, New Rock Springs Church
Bill Robinson, Deacon, Mtn. Valley Church
Ava Freeman, Deacon's Wife, New Rock Springs Church
Shelby Housley, Deacon, Rock Chapel Church
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Bennett, Deacon, Wolf Creek Church
Wayne Dixon, Delegate, Hartville Church
Dale Shaw, Delegate, Wayside Church
Ray Middleton, Pastor, Trinity Church
Rev. & Mrs. Robert B. Crawford, Visiting Minister, Nashville, Tenn.
Charley, Wilma & Susan Rich, Pleasant Home Church
Tommy Allen, Visiting Minister, Norman, Oklahoma
Rev. Ralph Cook, Pastor, Wayside Church
Ethel Cummins, Clerk, Houston Church

Burt Austin, Deacon, Pleasant Grove Church
 Lynn Wood, Pastor, Mtn. Grove 1st Church
 Greg McAllister, Delegate, Mtn. Grove 1st Church
 Bob White, Pastor, Willow Springs Church
 Millard C. Sasser, Pastor, Grant Avenue Church
 Glenn E. Murray, Visiting Minister, Batesville, Arkansas
 Danny Maness, Delegate, Trinity Church
 Lloyd Morris, Jr., Delegate, Trinity Church
 Pauline Findley, Delegate, Wolf Creek Church
 Linn Findley, Delegate, Wolf Creek Church
 Florence Housley, Clerk, Rock Chapel Church
 Debbie Virtue, Delegate, Rock Chapel Church
 Robert Adkison, Minister, Mt. Pisgah Church
 Rev. Morris Akers, Pastor, Mt. Pisgah Church
 Bill Shelton, Deacon, Union Church
 Ruth Shelton, Deacon's wife, Union Church
 Delia Neal, Union Church
 Nolan Neal, Union Church
 Faye McGowan, Delegate, Mtn. Valley Church
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Keith, Wolf Creek Church
 Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Montgomery, Minister, Cabool Church
 Lulu McCoy, Mtn. Grove 1st Church
 Janet Vandivort, Clerk, New Rock Springs Church
 Opal Martin, Wolf Creek Church
 Rev. & Mrs. Clyde Montgomery, Minister, Cabool, Mo.
 Mr. & Mrs. Vencie Long, Deacon, New Home Church
 Phillip Fry, Deacon, Willow Springs Church

We sincerely hope we have all these names spelled and listed correctly. These were taken just as they appeared on the registration sheets. If we didn't get them correct, please forgive us. Thank you for registering.

COMMITTEES

PULPIT COMMITTEE

Roy Dennis, Neil Hamelton, Floyd Walls.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Herbert Vandivort, Mrs. Dottie Cruse, Mrs. Burt Austin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & C.T.S. COMMITTEE

Joe Day, Greg McAllister, Nolan Neil.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Ralph Cook, Gene Crewse, Bob White, Bert Austin, Chester Fox.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chester Bennett, Bill Robinson, Mrs. Edith Cooper.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

Nolan Neil, Burt Austin, Dora Fry.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Lynn Wood, Chuck Horton, Gene Postlewait.

OBSERVANCE OF THE LORDS DAY COMMITTEE

Russel McDaris, Bill Shelton, Delia Neil.

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MISSOURI STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Bible Institutes were again opened in the Joplin-Webb City area. Some of those attending these institutes have earned certificates given by M.B.I.

Scheduled for September 10th through 12th is a seminar at the Youth Camp with Dr. John Broger. The last seminar with Dr. Broger was a very interesting and informative seminar, and many of those attending asked that he be given an invitation to come back. Make plans now to attend this seminar. Continue to pray for your Christian Education Board.

Rev. Howard Bowers
Member of the Board

REPORT OF MISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR OF MISSION ASSOCIATION

We had Missionaries Mike and Deleen Cousineau who are going to Africa, and Tommy and Debi Allen, Summer Missionaries to Panama City, Panama. Again they reported how pleased they all were with your response and reception of them. Offerings were in excess of \$1,770.00. This does not at all include all that was done for Missions in our Association as many of our churches scheduled other Missionaries. May I encourage others to do more of this, it is always a blessing to pastors and churches to have these missionaries in our services.

Let us continue to be faithful to our Missionaries in our prayers and support for them. Also for our State and National Missions Departments.

Rev. Howard Bowers
Missions Co-ordinator

CLERK'S STATISTICAL REPORT TO MISSION ASSOCIATION

Number Churches:

Reporting	29
Listed	32
Combined total membership	2,950
Total new members gained	103
Total members lost	84
Number of parsonages owned by churches	4
Combined value of churches and parsonages	\$1,241,250.00
Number of churches giving to Cooperative plan	20
Number of churches designating gifts to outside causes	19
Number of churches participating in Ret. & Ins. Plan	1
Number of churches providing hospital insurance for pastor or staff	4
Number of ordained ministers	57
Number of licensed ministers	7
Total number of mid-week Prayer meetings	18
Average attendance	24.44
Number of ordained deacons	78
Combined Sunday School enrollment	1,659
Average attendance	53.92
Combined CTS enrollment	434
Average attendance	31.63
Combined Woman's Auxiliary enrollment	123
Average attendance	11
Combined Master's Men enrollment	22
Average attendance	9
Total income of all churches	\$337,702.64
(Some churches did not report total income)	
Total local expenditures of all churches	\$351,727.57
Total giving outside local causes	\$47,092.64
To Cooperative Plan	\$26,340.95
To national executive office	0
To Foreign Missions	\$9,331.04
To layman's board	0
To Church Training Service	\$203.19
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$996.25
Retirement and Insurance Board	0
To Home Missions and Church Extension	\$7,542.62
Other national ministries	\$699.80
District or state ministries	\$1,978.79
Other Causes	0

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HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

April 26, 1979

Thank you for putting Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College on the program at your associational meeting. I am sorry that I will be unable to attend due to previous commitments. I will give you a brief report about Hillsdale and you can make reference to it in the meeting.

This year has been just great. The students have had a very good attitude. The enrollment looks good for the fall semester and finances have reached an all time high. Gift income will reach \$290,000 this year.

Thanks to the churches in your association who have supported Hillsdale with your prayers, finances and students. We ask your continued financial support and prayers. Also, we need your young people to attend Hillsdale. We appreciate your cooperation in this area.

Sincerely,
Bailey Thompson
Director of Public Relations

LETTER FROM UNION ASSOCIATION TO MISSION ASSOCIATION

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists sends Christian greetings to the Mission Association. We send as delegates Elder Kermitt Bass and his wife, Sis. Fern Bass. We pray you will receive them as your Brother & Sister in Christ. Our statistical report is as follows:

Churches	13
Membership	796
Number Baptized	11
Members received	21
Number Dismissed	15
Deaths	8
Expenditures	\$23,203.31

May the Lord bless you and prosper you in your work for Him is our prayer. We request you will send delegates and a letter of representation to meet with us at the next Association starting Wednesday Evening, August 29, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. and continuing through August 31, 1979 at the Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Ava, Missouri.

Moderator, Elder Kermitt Bass
Clerk, Maydell Day

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Herbert Vandivort, Mrs. Dottie Cruse, Mrs. Burt Austin.
OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Chester Bennett, Bill Robinson, Mrs. Edith Cooper.
OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY COMMITTEE

Russel McDaris, Bill Shelton, Delia Neil.
SUNDAY SCHOOL-CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE COMMITTEE

Joe Day, Greg McAllister, Nolan Neil.
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

5 year term, Jerold Ballard
1 year term, Bill Shelton
CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD

5 year term, Jack Keesling
1 year term, Phillip Fry
MISSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Indefinite term, Bob White
GENERAL BOARD MEMBER TO STATE ASSOCIATION

(Since the Greater Springfield Association will not be organized until after the State Association, we recommend that Rev. Millard Sasser continue to represent us until that time.)

YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT, by Rev. Lynn Wood, Chairman

Youth camp is to begin in June on June 10th this year. There have been a number of improvements, and we do appreciate so much the support from the Mission Association. We have some individuals who support the Youth Camp regularly through their Church and through direct giving from Mission Association area, and also several churches in our Association that support on a Monthly basis the Youth Camp. Many of you have attended camp and send your young people to camp.

I feel like the greatest asset that the Youth Camp has is the product that it produces in the lives of the young people. Last Association two young men from Mtn. Grove Church gave their testimony of answering their call to the ministry at the camp. There is no way one can place a monetary value on the lives that are being influenced and molded at the camp. Young people go there from Sunday until Friday noon and spend a week in the total Christian atmosphere. We realize that not everyone comes away from the camp as dedicated Christians as we would like them to be, but most are definitely drawn closer to the Lord by these efforts, and we feel that this is the base purpose of the camp.

We appreciate your confidence and support of the camp. The Swimming Pool is undergoing some remodeling and Work-day was the last Saturday in April. We did not have very good response to our Work-day. I hope you will consider giving some time this next year to help with the improvements.

One of the Mission Association Cabins is desperately in need of a

paint job. It has never been painted. We need to do some work on our cabins, especially on the boys side of the campground.

We have built and installed a laundry room this year which has a washer and dryer facility. It is coin operated and we have learned this was desperately needed, especially by sponsors and workers. Several of these who attended camp got together and raised the money for this project, asking some of our people to contribute.

We ask for your prayers that God will give us a great time of fellowship and spiritual rejoicing at the camp sessions this year.

The cost of camp will be \$20.00 per student. We regret that we have been forced by inflating prices for food, to again raise these prices. We feel, however, that we are still well within reason with these prices.

The first week of camp will be Elementary week, the second week will be Jr. High week, and the last week will be Teen week. We urge you to support by prayer, finances, and attendance by both sponsors and students, our Youth Camp this year.

NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL-CTS BOARD REPORT, by Rev. Roger Reeds, Director

It is good to be with the Mission Association to represent the Sunday School and C.T.S. Department. As you know, the Sunday School and C.T.S. Departments merged last year and now operate under the name "National Sunday School & C.T.S. Department." We are a service agency of the National Association. We exist to serve our people of the National Association. One of these services is the publishing of Sunday School Curriculum. We are very much involved in that, especially at this time. Also I want to announce that the dates will be back on the material this next quarter.

We are now producing a combination of Sunday School & C.T.S. materials of nearly 400,000 pieces every quarter, or over one and one-half million pieces each year.

We also produce a series of books and booklets. We have over one hundred titles of our own written by Free Will Baptist people and we have more planned.

Rev. Roy Thomas has just written a book on "How To Start A Fundamental Church." We hope you will buy and read this book. It has just come off the presses.

Our new catalog will be ready by the time our National Association meets in Charolette, North Carolina this year. It will be available through your state bookstore.

Not only are we involved in the area of publishing, but also in the area of promotion. We are trying to help our churches in the area of growth in their Sunday Schools. We try to do this in several ways. One way is through our Spring & Fall enlargement campaigns. The reports from our Spring campaign are encouraging. The Fall campaign is coming up soon. We would like for your church to participate. We have designed these campaigns to churches, both large and small, can participate. Even if your church is small, we want you to take advantage of this service.

Also we have the Teacher Training Program, the Institutes hold in several areas, local rallies, etc. as well as sponsoring the Youth Program at the National Association.

Finally, also, we are involved in the area of printing. We now print 95% of all of our own literature used by our churches. We also do outside printing; such things as minutes, letter-heads, envelopes, revival bills, bulletins, etc. This helps to keep our presses busy and helps keep us going the year round.

We have had a good year. We have had about \$1,400,000.00 in sales, we have operated in the black again this year. We had about a 10% net this year, and praise you for helping to make this possible. Remember to pray for us when you pray.

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION, by Rev. Clarence Burton

I would like to direct your attention to Psalms 107:1, 2, 9, & 21. I would like to extend my deepest appreciation for what you here in Mission Association are doing for Cooperative giving to the state of Missouri. This church where we are meeting has long been a faithful and consistent contributor of cooperative giving. I would like to express my appreciation to this and the other churches for their much needed support in this area. Thanks to the faithful and consistent support from the churches of this association and others throughout the state, we have met and exceeded our budget again this year ending March 31. Through the faithfulness of pastors, pastor's wives, and the laypeople of our state we have been able to accomplish this task.

The good thing about the cooperative giving is, it is a way in which we all can share in all of our world wide efforts to win souls to Jesus, our Lord, thus carrying out the great commission He gave to us.

I request your prayers as I endeavour to do the job God has called me to do. Pray we will be effective in our work and His will.

Our State Association will meet this year at St. Louis, Missouri. I urge you to help your pastor to attend this meeting. Encourage him to attend, and, if at all possible, pay his expenses so he may attend. The meeting will be at the Berkley Free Will Baptist Church and all services, both day and evening services, will be in the church.

We also encourage our lay people to attend and bring your young people. Youth services and Women's Auxiliary services will also meet during this time. The General Board will meet on Monday at 2:00 p.m., Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Youth Services Monday evening, and following the Youth Services the youth will go to the Ponderosa Steak House for a luncheon and fellowship meeting. Rev. Jonathan Thigpen will speak at the Youth service on Monday Evening.

Women's Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday. We want everyone to attend this service.

The State Association will convene on Tuesday Evening with Rev. Frank Guinta bringing the keynote message.

The Retirement Village is progressing well. If you have made commitments to this project, please have them in if possible, by the State Association meeting date this year. We hope you will also pray for this project.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

CHURCH	DELEGATES	REPRESENTATION FEE SENT
Cabool	Velma Smith & Nellie Melton	\$10.00
Faith & Hope	(No Delegates)	10.00
Hartville 1st	Wayne Dixon & Jenny Dugger	10.00
Houston 1st	Chester Fox & Ralph Cummins	10.00
Mtn. Grove 1st	Greg McAllister & Eda Cooper	15.00
Grant Avenue	(No Delegates)	
Happy Home	(No Delegates)	
Harmony	(No Delegates)	
Kingsway	(No Delegates)	
Lead Hills	(No Delegates)	
Lone Star	(No Delegates)	
Mt. Pisgah	Grace Butts & Judy Ice	10.00
Mtn. Valley	Faye McGowan & W. D. Robinson	10.00
Mt. Zion #2	(None)	
New Home	Pauline Adams & Lucy Keith	10.00
New Life	(None)	10.00
New Rock Springs	Mark Freeman & Russel Wyrick	10.00
Number One	Marjorie Lathram & Teresa Nevels	10.00
Pleasant Grove	Jack Cravens & Patty Cravens	5.00
Pleasant Hill	Otis Hickman & Ruth Hickman	20.00
Pleasant Home	(None)	
Rock Chapel	Debie Virtue	10.00
Salem	(None)	
Union	James Jennings & Shannon Jennings	10.00
Union Chapel	(None)	
Union Grove	Ova Raney & Katie Chadwell	
Wayside	Dale Shaw & Bill Watkins	10.00
Willow Springs	Bob Adamson	10.00
Wolf Creek	Lynn Findley & Pauline Findley	10.00
Trinity	Danny Manes & Lloyd Morris	10.00
First Quarterly Meeting	(None)	50.00

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS: The Springfield Churches have formed their own association; and

WHEREAS: All these churches are in good standing with the Mission Association of Free Will Baptist, and

WHEREAS: We wish these sister churches God-speed in their new endeavour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Mission Association grant all the member churches that wish to unite with the Greater Springfield Association letters of good standing from this association as they request them from the clerk. (Eastern Gate Church, Kingsway Church, and Grant Avenue Church)

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE, Rev. Robert Crawford

We express our appreciation for all the prayers, finances, and students you have given to Free Will Baptist Bible College. God has used these in marvelous ways. The first student to receive a B.A. Degree was Bro. Adam Scott in 1952 from your State. Also Mary Ruth Wisheart who has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of Christ.

We want to thank you for your contributions and prayers for this work in the past, and urge you to pray for us as we pray and labor for you.

The college has an A rating academically and as a Bible College, everyone who attends is required to carry a major in Bible, whether the course is ministry, missions, music, or school teaching. You then would have two majors in most fields. All classes are opened by prayer, and taught according to Bible principals. The college is sound in its program physically, spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and academically. Counsellors are available to assist the students in all their efforts. Christian living is the norm for those who are on the campus. We didn't want a college because others have problems, we wanted a college because God has ordained it. Christ is the head and is the foundation of the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Those who have gone out, we feel, are fully prepared to meet the needs of the people they serve. The four months in 1978, 614 students made contact with 9,104 persons for their personal relationship with the Lord on street corners, nursing homes, and personal contacts, in Sunday School Classes, and 616 of these made commitments to Christ and were won to Him. Also 829 others made some spiritual decisions. They also handed out 46,794 tracts pertaining to salvation with a prayer they would be effective.

If you do not receive the Free Will Baptist College Bulletin, please give us your name and address so you can be placed on our free mailing list.

Missouri's suggested quota for 1978-1979 was \$22,000.00. You have given \$17,109.99. You are now 78% of your quota. If you were on

schedule, it would have been 91 2/3% at the end of April. We hope you can send in your offerings this month. You have twenty-one students from Missouri at the college this year.

Our tuition, we feel, is competitive as well as providing these things I have mentioned. Our tuition is \$32.00 per semester hour. Belmont in Nashville charges \$64.00 per semester hour and Vanderbilt charges \$128.00 per semester hour for the same degree you get at Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Again we thank you for what you have done. Your visits are always welcome at Free Will Baptist Bible College. Please come and visit us. Jr.-Sr. welcome days will be November 29, 30, and December 1. Students can stay on campus and eat on campus for \$7.50 for each person.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee recommend that each pastor and church oppose, both by precept and example, the following: (1) Alcoholic beverages either the use, sanction or sale thereof, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."—Proverbs 20:1 & Proverbs 23:31.

(2) That our people refrain from the illicit use, the sanction, or sale of all controlled substances that would capture the mind "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are brought with a price: Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's."—1 Corinthians 6:19-20.

(3) That we oppose abortion in our nation and speak out against it. "Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder."—Matthew 19:18

(4) That we oppose pre-marital sex and live-in relationships of unmarried couples. "Let no sin therefore reign in your mortal body that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God."—Romans 6:12-13.

(5) That we oppose infidelity among our members, one toward another! "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you."—John 15:12

(6) That pornography be opposed by our churches, whether it be in printed or written form, or on the screen.

We strongly urge our churches to teach and train their people that these things are wrong and encourage them to hold high Christian morals and principles in the way we dress, walk, and talk that all in all Christ might be honored" And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things."—1 Corinthians 9:25

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the auditing committee have examined the books of Mission Association and found them to be in order. We recommend that each church send at least \$15.00 if possible next year.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Following is a list of our deceased members for 1979. We would like to recommend that this list be read and that we have a moment of prayer for the comfort of those left behind and give thanks for the hope in meeting these at the resurrection.

Mrs. Daisy Morton, Hartville, Jean Rose Ellis, Cabool, Viola Shorter, Mtn. Grove, Marjorie (Ballard) Lawler, Mtn. Grove, Maxine Emory, Mtn. Grove, Melvin Curtin, Mtn. Grove, Mary Bittick, Mtn. Grove, Ida Austin, Mtn. Grove, Mary Bittick, Mtn. Grove, Nettie Hirsch, Mtn. Grove, Charlie Coffman, Mtn. Grove, Jay Chaney, Mtn. Grove, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, Mtn. Valley, Ira Smity, Grant Avenue, Lawrence Patton, Grant Avenue, Walter Stokes, Grant Avenue, Milford Mullen, Grant Avenue, Grace Blevins, Harmony, Rev. George Connors, Kingsway, Icy Hicks, Lead Hill, Mary Corder, Lead Hill, Luther Curry, Mt. Pisgah, Olin Covington, Number One, Nora Webb, Pleasant Grove, Verse Garner, Pleasant Grove, Ralston Claxton, Pleasant Hill, Lucille Yankee, Willow Springs, I. N. Martin, Wolf Creek, Carlos Long, Mt. Zion #2.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

We encourage our people to participate with and support the Sunday School and Church Training programs; and to support the C.T.S. competitive activities with our attendance.

Following is a list of ordained ministers of Mission Association who will receive annual cards of good standing for the coming year:

Rev. Charles Horton 686 Plainview Dr. Houston, Mo. 65483	Houston First	417 967-4284
Rev. Joseph Day Rt. 1, Conway, Mo. 65632 (c/o Lehman Odell	Mtn. Valley	
Rev. Bob White North Star Route Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Willow Springs	417 926-5780
Rev. Everett Hopkins (Address Unknown)	Mtn. Valley	
Rev. Bob Simmons Seymour, Mo.	Lead Hill	
Rev. Lynn Wood 815 Richard Dr. Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Mtn. Grove 1st	417 926-5572

Rev. Harold Edwards 7015 Wall Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Mtn. Grove 1st	417 926-3332
Rev. Carl Postlewait Route 3 Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Number One	417 926-4304
Rev. Ezra Butts Route 1 Cabool, Mo. 65689	Number One	417 962-4830
Rev. Gary Massey Route 5 Houston, Mo. 65483	Number One	314 674-3195
Rev. Fred Napier Route 1 Seymour, Mo. 65746	Harmony	417 935-4180
Rev. Denzil Dalton Route 1, Box 209 Fordland, Mo.	Harmony	417 738-2378
Rev. Lester Davis 215 Clouse Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Cabool	417 926-6202
Rev. Clyde Montgomery 905 Broadway Cabool, Mo. 65689	Cabool	417 962-3798
Rev. Woodrow McCall 920 Durnell Cabool, Mo. 65689	Cabool	417 962-4485
Rev. Earl Irish 1140 Pine Cabool, Mo. 65689	Cabool	417 962-3576
Rev. H. G. Montgomery 301 First St. Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Faith & Hope	417 469-3255
Rev. Floyd Arnold Niangua, Mo.	Hartville	417 473-6444
Rev. Stanley Jones Hartville, Mo. 65667	Hartville	417 741-7198
Rev. Arvis Dixon Hartville, Mo. 65667	Hartville	417 741-7202
Rev. Millard C. Sasser 3039 W. College Springfield, Mo. 65802	Grant Avenue	417 833-0028
Rev. Bill Swearingen 1008 S. Craig Springfield, Mo. 65804	Grant Avenue	417 883-0881
Rev. Raymond Harden Route 2 Ava, Mo. 65608	Happy Home	417 683-5918
Rev. Fred Marler Route 3, Box 391 Seymour, Mo. 65746	Happy Home	417 935-4865

Rev. Johnnie Land 2251 N. Robberson Springfield, Mo. 65803	Kingsway	417 866-8924
Rev. Seth Draper 1457 E. Livingston Springfield, Mo. 65803	Kingsway	417 866-5812
Rev. Moris Akers Route 3 Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Mt. Pisgah	417 926-5858
Rev. Floyd Roberts 700 E. 6th Willow Springs, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah	
Rev. George Taylor 711 Oak Cabool, Mo. 65689	Mt. Pisgah	417 962-4291
Rev. Robert Adkison 1015 Rogers Cabool, Mo. 65689	Mt. Pisgah	417 962-3356
Rev. Richard Knaak Route 1 Cabool, Mo. 65689	Mt. Pisgah	417 962-3469
Rev. Russel McDaris Route 1 Hartville, Mo. 65667	Mt. Zion #2	417 668-5854
Rev. I. L. Florence Route 1, Hickory Hills Lebanon, Mo. 65536	New Home	417 532-6245
Rev. Willie Bennett Oakland Star Route Lebanon, Mo. 65536	New Home	417 462-7774
Rev. Dale Blackwell Route 2 Dexter, Mo. 6x841	New Home	
Rev. Max Courtney Rt. 2, Box 715 Licking, Mo. 65542	New Life	314 674-3794
Rev. Delford E. Crewse Box 440 Cabool, Mo. 65689	New Rock Springs	417 962-3370
Rev. Herbert Vandivort Route 2 Cabool, Mo. 65689	New Rock Springs	417 962-2591
Rev. Mark Vandivort 3365 North Loma Vista Flagstaff, Arizona 86001	New Rock Springs	602 526-3817
Rev. Leon Bresler Route 2 Cabool, Mo 65689	New Rock Springs	417 967-2296
Rev. Jack Dugger Hartville, Mo. 65667	New Rock Springs	417 741-7224

Rev. William Austin Route 1 Hartville, Mo. 65567	Pleasant Grove	417 668-5657
Rev. Henry Gallion 442 E. Burford Marshfield, Mo. 65706	Pleasant Hill	417 468-4624
Rev. Jewell Craig Marshfield, Mo.	Pleasant Hill	
Rev. Gary Hutsell 105 W. Condray Salem, Mo.	Salem	314 729-3336
Rev. John Hardin Route 1 Mtn. Grove, Mo. 65711	Pleasant Home	417 948-2345
Rev. Hubert Harral Springfield, Mo.	Pleasant Hill	
Rev. Howard Bowers Route 1 Norwood, Mo. 65717	Rock Chapel	417 746-4451
Rev. Gene Postlewait Huggins, Mo.	Union	
Rev. Gene Terry 2029 N. Nettleton Springfield, Mo. 65803	Union Grove	417 866-6546
Rev. Billie Hicks Route 1 Norwood, Mo. 65717	Union Grove	417 746-4713
Rev. Jim Ragsdale Route 1 Fordland, Mo.	Union Grove	417 468-5980
Rev. Ralph Cook 303 Turner Dr. Willow Springs, Mo. 65793	Wayside	417 469-3418
Rev. R. E. Helsley Mansfield, Mo. 65704	Wolf Creek	417 924-3708
Rev. Ray Middleton Cabool, Mo. 65689	Trinity	

TREASURER'S REPORT

January, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	\$399.06	
	Total received including balance	469.06	
	Total on hand January 31, 1978	469.06	
February, 1978	Balance carried forward	469.06	
	Total received	644.06	
	Derrickson Printing		\$15.00
	State Association For National Assoc.		400.00
	Clerk's Salary		40.00
Total Paid Out	Returned Check #326		10.00
		\$465.00	
	Total on hand February 28, 1978	179.06	
March, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	179.06	
	State Association for National Assoc.		\$185.00
	Postage		1.36
	Total paid out		186.36
	Total received	304.06	
April, 1978	Total on hand March 31, 1978	117.70	
	Balance Carried Forward	117.70	
	Derrickson Printing (Programs)		\$16.95
May, 1978	Total paid out		16.95
	Total received	117.70	
	Total on hand, April 30, 1978	100.75	
June, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	100.78	
	State Association for National Assoc.		58.75
	State Assoc. registration fee		155.00
	Total received	394.50	
	Total paid out		213.75
July, 1978	Total on hand May 31, 1978	180.75	
	Balance Carried Forward	180.75	
	Total received	190.75	
August, 1978	Total on hand July 31, 1978	190.75	
	Balance Carried Forward	\$190.75	
	Total on hand August 31, 1978	190.75	
September, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	190.75	
	Total on hand September 30, 1978	190.75	
October, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	190.75	
	Total on hand October 31, 1978	190.75	

November, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	190.75
	Total on hand November 30, 1978	190.75
December, 1978	Balance Carried Forward	190.75
	Total on hand December 31, 1978	190.75

Max Courtney
Treasurer, Mission Association

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. The Moderator and Clerk shall also serve on this board, as they hold these offices in the 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

Friday at 7:30 p.m., before the 2nd Sunday in May, 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 present to this body any business given it by any member of this association, then such business may be presented to the body by any members 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. The Pulpit Committee, Credentials Committee, and the Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator on Friday Night at the beginning of the session. All other Committees and nominations for Board Members and Delegates shall be made by the committee on committees.

As stated in Roberts Rules of Order, the Moderator shall give opportunity for the body to place in nomination the name of any qualified person as the Committee on Committees report is received.

Any appointment by the Moderator 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. 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 minister, 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.

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

18. All churches that compose this body shall prepare a statistical report in 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 the calendar year.

19. 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 of 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 endorsed 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 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 his solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance 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.

LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT WILL BE ASKED ALL CANDIDATES
FOR LICENSE TO PREACH, OR FOR CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION
TO THE MINISTRY.

1. Define Faith.
2. How does a man who a Christian find forgiveness should he sin?
3. Do you feel feet washing is necessary? Why?
4. Can a man who has been born again lose his salvation?
5. Do you believe in a second definite work of Grace? (Explain)
6. Do you believe in "Speaking In Tongues" as taught by the charismatic movement? Why?
7. What is the purpose of "The Lord's Supper"?
8. What is the purpose of "Water Baptism"?
9. What is the proper mode of water baptism? (Explain your answer).
10. How would you receive a member into your Church? (Explain each step beginning with the first contact with the prospective member until he is received into the Church)
11. Is Sunday the proper day of worship? Why?
12. Could you receive a member into your church who is working in a liquor store selling liquor? Why?
13. Explain sanctification. What is it and when do we receive it?
14. Do you feel tithing is God's plan for the support of His Church?
15. In your own words, describe what Jesus meant in Matthew 28:19 and in Acts 1:8.
16. How does the Bible tell us to handle matters of discipline within the church?
17. Do you feel that a pastor's duty to the lost is just preaching or do you feel he should involve himself in personal soul winning? Why?
18. Do you feel that the Bible is the infallible Word of God? If you do answer the following:
 - a. Do you believe Jesus was God's Son, born of a virgin?
 - b. Do you believe in the New Birth?
 - c. Do you believe Jesus is coming again, literally?
 - d. Do you believe in a literal, burning, eternal hell?
19. Why do you want to be ordained?
20. Briefly describe your call to the ministry.
21. You must bring two credit references along with two personal references written and signed by some persons acquainted with you.
22. It is understood that the Examining Committee may ask any other question they feel led to ask when examining a candidate, even if the question is not included in this questionnaire.



