

MINUTES  
OF THE  
Sixth Annual Session  
OF THE  
MISSOURI  
STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREEWILL BAPTISTS  
HELD WITH  
THE HANNON CHURCH  
Hannon, Missouri  
October 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26, 1919.

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OFFICERS:

T. C. Ferguson, Moderator    Springfield, Missouri.  
B. F. Brown, Clerk-Treas.    Hannon, Missouri.

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Next Session Will Convene With  
Philadelphia Church, Near Pat-  
tersonburg, Missouri, at 7:30  
p. m. October 20, 1920.

## **MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

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### **OFFICERS:**

Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Moderator, Springfield, Mo.  
Rev. C. E. Mann, Asst. Moderator, Santa Rosa, Mo.  
Rev. B. F. Brown, Clerk-Treas., Hannon, Mo.  
Rev. W. H. York, Asst. Clerk, Chanute, Kansas.

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

T. C. Ferguson, Springfield, Missouri.  
J. F. Duckworth, Greentop, Missouri.  
J. D. Fowler, Greentop, Missouri.  
Seth Jones, Hartville, Missouri.  
Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri.

### **EVANGELISTS:**

J. P. Highfill, Springfield, Missouri.  
T. C. Ferguson, Springfield, Missouri.  
E. C. Whitehead, Anderson, Missouri.  
Ira Waterman, Eldridge, Missouri.  
Prior L. Price, Jamesport, Missouri.



## STATE ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

At eight o'clock p. m. October 22nd, 1919, the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists met with the Hannon Church, at Hannon, Missouri, in its sixth Annual Session.

Praise by the congregation.

Prayer by Rev. A. J. Barnett.

Address of welcome by Rev. W. H. York, pastor of the Hannon Church. Response to welcome address by Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Moderator.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. C. Whitehead. Text John 21:15.

Moderator called Conference in business session. A quorum to do business was found to be present, and was so declared by the Clerk.

Moderator read the 23rd Psalm and offered prayer.

Loten Thomas, C. H. Miller and John James were appointed committee on program.

Program Committee reported that Revs. Ira Waterman and W. H. York would occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock Thursday morning.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Thursday morning.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. P. Highfill.

### Thursday Morning Session—

Singing by congregation.

The Clerk, Rev. B. F. Brown, read John 10:1-21 and offered prayer

Moderator took charge and proceeded to organization.

E. C. Whitehead, C. E. Mann and W. H. York were appointed committee on Credentials.

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Credentials Committee reported that they had examined letters from Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association, Northeast Missouri Association, Indian Creek Association, Laclede County Association, Northwest Missouri Association, and Union Association, and that they were really Association letters, and properly executed.

Report received as partial report.

Association letters reported by Credentials Committee were read by the Clerk, and on motion were received and delegates seated.

### **Officers Elected for Ensuing Year—**

Moderator-----T. C. Ferguson.

Assistant Moderator ----- C. E. Mann.

Clerk and Treasurer -----B. F. Brown.

Assistant Clerk ----- W. H. York.

Member Home Mission Board for term of five years—T. C. Ferguson.

Moderator appointed committees as follows:

**Business Committee.**—E. C. Whitehead, F. G. Wyrick and A. J. Barnett.

**Committee on Publication and Denominational Enterprises.**—Ira Waterman, J. T. Cole and C. E. Mann.

**Committee on Education.**—W. H. York, A. W. Hartley and E. C. Whitehead.

**Committee on Temperance.**—J. D. Fowler, Rachel Whitehead and Ethel Daniels.

**Committee on Missions.**—C. E. Mann, C. H. Miller and G. B. Manis.

Program Committee reported F. G. Wyrick, and T. C. Ferguson to occupy the pulpit Thursday night.

Adjourned until 2:30 in the afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

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**Thursday Afternoon—**

Song by the congregation.

Scripture reading John 14:1-10 by Moderator.

Prayer by Roy Preston.

Minutes of Thursday morning session read and approved.

Voted to extend all privileges of the floor except voting to all visiting brothers and sisters.

It was decided by a vote of conference that our next meeting shall be held with Philadelphia Church near Pattonsburg, Missouri, to convene at 7:30 p. m. October 20th, 1920.

W. H. York was chosen to preach introductory sermon next session. A. J. Barnett, alternate.

Resolved, That we put evangelists in the field and that they serve without a salary, but get their support from the field in which they labor.

Revs. J. P. Highfill, T. C. Ferguson, E. C. Whitehead, Ira Waterman and Prior L. Price were chosen State Evangelists.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that we recommend that every church in the State Association should have a Ladies Aid Society.

Resolved, That we give C. E. Mann one hour Friday afternoon to tell us about our Denominational Enterprises.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**Denominational Enterprises—**

Realizing the great need of religious literature in our homes, we recommend The New Morning Star, published at Tecumseh, Oklahoma, and the Freewill Baptist, published at Ayden, N. C. We also recommend that all of our Sunday Schools use Freewill Baptist literature, as far as practical.

Seeing the great need of an educated ministry,

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we recommend Tecumseh College to all ministers who can attend school, and the Correspondence Course to all who cannot attend Tecumseh College. As a course between the Correspondence Course and Tecumseh College we recommend the Freewill Baptist Seminary at Ayden.

We further recommend that every one contribute liberally to reprint Butler-Dunn Theology and also Ball on Baptism.

### Temperance—

Owing to the fact that our Government has declared for National Prohibition, we recommend that this body pledge themselves to stand by the Government in the annihilation of the liquor traffic and help to enforce the laws of State and Nation against the awful liquor traffic.

Furthermore, seeing the great need of a clean ministry, and believing that a minister sets a bad example before his congregation in using tobacco, we recommend that all Associations and Yearly Meetings belonging to this body cease to license or ordain anyone to the Gospel Ministry who uses tobacco in any form.

Contributed by those present for printing minutes and other expenses, \$29.25.

Voted to pay Clerk \$1.00 to cover cost of minute book, etc.

Program Committee reported that Ora C. Kellar and Roy Preston would occupy the pulpit at 11 o'clock Friday morning.

Adjourned until 8:30 Friday morning.

Closing prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann.

### Friday Morning Session—

Praise by the congregation.

Scripture lesson, Psalm 1, read by Moderator.



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Prayer by Rev. J. T. Cole.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session read and approved.

Voted to have New Morning Star print our minutes of this Association.

**Co-operative General Association Delegates—**

The following were elected as delegates to the Co-operative General Association which meets at Nashville, Tennessee, December the 24th, 1919.

Reuben Henderson,	-----Purdy,	Missouri
John Adkins	-----	Kirksville, Missouri
Olive Coberly,	-----	Carlow, Missouri
Roy Preston,	-----	Norwood, Missouri
A. J. Barnett,	-----	Norwood, Missouri
A. A. White,	-----	Climax, Missouri
Z. Warren,	-----	Climax, Missouri
W. L. DeGraffendried,	--	Kaiser, Missouri
Pearl DeGraffendried,	--	Kaiser, Missouri
F. G. Wyrick,	-----	Stockton, Missouri
W. H. York,	-----	Chanute, Kansas
T. C. Ferguson,	----	Springfield, Missouri
J. J. Wood,	-----	Farmington, Missouri
L. N. Beard,	-----	Bismark, Missouri
J. P. Highfill,	-----	Springfield, Missouri
Allen Shuey,	-----	Alba, Missouri
N. J. Breshears,	----	Long Lane, Missouri
M. B. Clift,	-----	Niangua, Missouri
J. H. Claxton,	----	Competition, Missouri
Prior L. Price,	-----	Jamesport, Missouri

Voted that delegates to the Co-operative General Association have power to chose substitute in case they can't go, and that delegates present at Co-operative General Association have power to fill vacancies in the delegation should there be any and there be those from this body who are not del-

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egates.

Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Ira Waterman, member of Board, made written report of work done.

Votd to have 600 copies of minutes printed.

Votd to have official letterheads and envelopes printed.

### Report of Committee on Missions—

Realizing the need of carrying out the great commission of Christ, we ask our churches and associations to be more faithful in contributing to the cause of missions.

Therefore, Be it resolved that we ask our ministry and churches to present unto their people the cause of missions and take an offering at the time to be sent to the Treasurer, and that the date shall be the date designated by the Co-operative General Association.

Adjourned till 2:30 in the afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann.

### Friday Afternoon Session—

Praise by the congregation.

Scripture reading by Assistant Moderator, C. E. Mann, Psalms 116. Prayer by W. H. McKown.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

### Report of Committee on Education.—

Be it resolved, That we, as a body, believe it to be to the best interest of the cause and the up-building of the denomination to require of all candidates for the ministry to at least take the correspondence course as outlined by the Bible Correspondence School, Tecumseh, Oklahoma. We recommend the Tecumseh College and the Ayden Seminary as institutions of learning for our people.

Adopted By-Law No. 8. Each body holding



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membership in the Missouri State Association is requested to pay to the Treasurer of said Association, at the least, \$1.00 each year for each and every active church; the money to be used for printing minutes and other expenses of the Association.

Program Committee in their final report reported the pulpit would be occupied as follows: Friday night, A. J. Barnett and Prior L. Price; Saturday morning, J. P. Highfill and J. T. Cole; Saturday night, B. F. Brown and W. H. York; Sunday morning, C. E. Mann; Sunday night, W. H. McKown.

Adjourned till 8:30 Saturday morning.

Closing prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann.

**Saturday Morning Session.—**

Praise by the congregation.

Scripture reading by Moderator, Psalms 46.

Prayer by W. A. Needham.

Minutes of Friday afternoon session read and approved.

Moderator appointed W. H. McKown, Mat White and J. D. Fowler as a Committee to prepare program for a platform meeting to follow this business session.

Voted to give Rev. T. P. Todd, a Missionary Baptist, of Butler, Missouri, time to tell of the work of the Lord on his field of labor.

A vote of thanks was extended Rev. Todd for his words of encouragement.

Committee for program for platform meeting submitted the following program:

Love introduced by E. C. Whitehead.

Faith introduced by A. J. Barnett.

Prayer introduced by A. W. Hartley.

Christian Life and Duty by W. H. York.

Adjourned till 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Closing prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann.

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Following adjournment of business session the themes presented for discussion in platform meeting were ably and profitably discussed.

### Saturday Afternoon Session.—

Praise by the congregation.

Scripture reading, Rom. 5:1-8, Moderator.

Prayer by O. T. Fast.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Voted that Rev. C. E. Mann express thanks to the people of Hannon Church and vicinity for the way in which they cared for and entertained those attending this Association.

Voted that we express our thanks by a standing vote to our Moderator and Clerk for their faithfulness, promptness and efficient service.

The business being finished the meeting was turned into a prayer and covenant meeting, in which all were interested and in which all took part.

Voted to adjourn, to meet with Philadelphia Church, near Pattonsburg, Missouri, at 7:30 p. m. October 20th, 1920.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. E. Mann.

## STANDING MEMBERS AND DELEGATES PRESENT AT THIS SESSION of ASSOCIATION

### Ministers

T. C. Ferguson  
W. H. McKown  
B. F. Brown  
E. C. Whitehead  
J. P. Highfill  
J. T. Cole  
Prior L. Price

C. E. Mann  
Ira Waterman  
W. H. York  
A. J. Barnett  
Roy Preston  
Ora C. Kellar  
F. G. Wyrick

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**Deacons and Delegates**

A. W. Hartley	J. H. Greer
O. T. Fast	E. S. Lewis
John James	G. B. Manis
C. W. Ricketts	L. C. Wade
C. H. Miller	Ethel Daniels
Mary Hartley	J. D. Fowler
Rachel Whitehead	Mat White
Olive Coberly	Anna Reed

Ina Bicknell

**MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASS'N.**

**Northwest Missouri Association.**

C. E. Mann	Chillicothe, Missouri
Cora Mann	Chillicothe, Missouri
Prior L. Price	Jamesport, Missouri
G. S. Latimer	Hemple, Missouri
S. B. Lewis	Pattonsburg, Missouri
W. H. McKown	Carlow, Missouri
W. B. Fadley	Weatherby, Missouri
J. A. Bethel	St. Joseph, Missouri
J. W. Stephenson	St. Joseph, Missouri
G. W. Hensley	Grant City, Missouri

**Northeast Missouri Association**

J. F. Duckworth	Greentop, Missouri
J. H. Shoop	Kirksville, Missouri
W. D. McFarland	Lavonia, Missouri, Rt. 2
N. C. Robbins	Cincinnati, Iowa
James Vestal	Unionville, Iowa
L. L. Mikels	Greentop, Missouri
Chas. Phillips	Kirksville, Missouri
Bessie Fowler	Greentop, Missouri

**Union Association**

J. F. McCall	Cold Springs, Missouri
J. T. Cole	Cold Springs, Missouri
W. H. Williams	Grove Springs, Missouri
W. N. Zuvers	Norwood, Missouri
J. W. Love	Mountain Grove, Missouri
L. J. Gearing	St. George, Missouri



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J. W. Hansley	Norwood,	Missouri
H. M. Cope	St. George,	Missouri
G. W. Mason	Cold Springs,	Missouri
W. R. Moon	Elkton,	Missouri
A. J. Kelsey	Hartville,	Missouri
J. S. Smalley	Portland,	Missouri
A. Browett	Hartville,	Missouri
M. B. Clift	Niangua,	Missouri
J. T. Holcomb	Marshfield,	Missouri
J. H. Claxton	Competition,	Missouri
J. H. Plunk	Astoria,	Missouri
C. N. Findley	Macomb	Missouri
Roy Preston	Norwood,	Missouri
Clarence Ussery	Norwood,	Missouri
G. W. Scott, Jr.	Graff,	Missouri
B. S. Moody	Norwood,	Missouri
Silas Matney	Cedar Gap,	Missouri
Shed Medlock	Cheney,	Missouri
A. J. Barnett	Norwood,	Missouri
A. M. Holford	Bushy Knob,	Missouri
L. M. Marler	Ava,	Missouri
J. W. Silvy	Seymour,	Missouri
G. W. Scott, Sr.	Mountain Grove,	Missouri
Ora C. Kellar	Cold Springs,	Missouri
C. Carpenter	Teague,	Missouri
D. H. Long	Mountain Grove,	Missouri
Z. Williams	Cabool,	Missouri
Silas White	Elkland,	Missouri

### Licentiates

Rachel Long	Norwood,	Missouri
N. E. Snyder	Huggin,	Missouri
C. D. Findley	Macomb,	Missouri

### Indian Creek Association

E. Hendrickson	Granby,	Missouri
H. E. Rowland	Baxter Springs,	Kansas
C. W. Mayfield	Chetopa,	Kansas, Rt. 5
Ira Marbut	Purdy,	Missouri
Calvin Thomas	Rocky Comfort,	Missouri
E. C. Whitehead	Anderson,	Missouri

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**Central Western Mo. and S. E. Kan. Association**

W. H. York	Chanute, Kansas
Thos. L. York	Chanute, Kansas
J. B. Sparks	Chanute, Kansas
Rosa Sparks	Chanute, Kansas
B. F. Brown	Hannon, Missouri
T. C. Ferguson	Springfield, Missouri
Myrtle Ferguson	Springfield, Missouri
H. Seward	Greenfield, Missouri
J. F. Williams	Greenfield, Missouri
D. M. Carlock	Greenfield, Missouri
F. G. Wyrick (Licentiate)	Stockton, Missouri
J. E. Bayless	Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting**

J. J. Wood	Farmington, Missouri
Jno. D. Planery	Delassus, Missouri
L. N. Beard	Bismarck, Missouri
Thos. J. Mann	Esther, Missouri
F. A. Semino	Esther, Missouri
Ed. Gonntin	Mine LaMotte, Missouri
John Conley	Flat River, Missouri
F. J. Brotherton	Marquand, Missouri
S. M. King	Mill Creek, Missouri
M. J. Stacy	Naco, Missouri
Chas. Canterbury	Knob Lick, Missouri
S. Summers	Mill Creek, Missouri
James Miller	Fredricktown, Missouri

**Niangua Association**

N. J. Breshears	Buffalo, Missouri
Emeel Burton	Long Lane, Missouri
Geo. Sturdevant	Tildon, Missouri
Willie Rush	Tunio, Missouri
Lee Spain	Clever, Missouri
A. L. Gower	Charity, Missouri
W. M. Sutton	Long Lane, Missouri
J. P. Highfill	824 Hamilton St. Springfield, Missouri

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A. L. Jones -----	Charity, Missouri
W. S. Gaskill -----	Mansfield, Missouri
O. B. Lane -----	Phillipsburg, Missouri
W. M. Phillips -----	Brice, Missouri
R. D. Lightfoot -----	
S. White -----	Elkland, Missouri
W. R. Agee -----	Clever, Missouri
W. J. Jones (Licentiate) -----	Conway, Missouri

### LaClede County Association

W. T. James -----	Safe, Missouri
C. M. Rector -----	Eldridge, Missouri
J. W. Curran -----	Russellville, Missouri
Richard Stevens -----	Abo, Missouri
M. H. Reed -----	Warsaw, Missouri
H. F. Weaver -----	Bentonville, Arkansas
F. M. Phelps -----	Springfield, Missouri
Wm. Bingham -----	Falcon, Missouri
M. E. Brasher -----	Abo, Missouri
Mary Edwards -----	Nebo, Missouri
Frank Edwards -----	Nebo, Missouri
W. D. Peoples -----	Agnes, Missouri
M. M. Kelley -----	Salina, Missouri
Wm. Scheets -----	Agnes, Missouri
A. L. Broyles -----	Lyons, Missouri
C. R. Williams -----	Eldridge, Missouri
L. H. Jones -----	Honey Creek, Texas
C. A. McCallister -----	Nebo, Missouri
R. W. Waterman -----	Eldridge, Missouri
Ira Waterman -----	Eldridge, Missouri
Lem Waterman -----	Eldridge, Missouri
Chas. Waterman -----	Polk, Iowa
Wm. West -----	Fristoe, Missouri
A. J. Kelsey -----	Lyons, Missouri
E. W. Bingham -----	Drynob, Missouri
J. R. Reid -----	Abo, Missouri
T. J. Peterson -----	Oakland, Missouri
W. R. Agee -----	Springfield, Missouri



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M. T. Lomerick -----	Fate, Missouri
John Lopp -----	Fristoe, Missouri
A. J. Chambers -----	Agnes, Missouri
S. N. Reid -----	Drynob, Missouri
W. P. Mankin -----	Dove, Missouri
Wm. Fincher -----	Agnes, Missouri
R. P. Wilson -----	Lyons, Missouri
C. T. Neece -----	Rackett, Missouri
D. Milligan -----	Competition, Missouri
C. E. Cornelison -----	Grove Springs, Missouri
L. A. Miller -----	Cross Timber, Missouri

### Western Mt. Zion Association

N. B. Sala -----	Anderson, Missouri
J. A. Shockley -----	Pineville, Missouri
J. H. Ross -----	Granby, Missouri
James Posey -----	Joplin, Missouri
S. B. Mayfield -----	Carterville, Missouri
Allen Shuey -----	Alba, Missouri
Henry Allen -----	Anderson, Missouri

### BY-LAWS.

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

II. No one shall speak more than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

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

IV. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

V. All who wish to speak while the Association is in session shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

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VI. The Moderator shall stop all discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it likely to lead to discord and division.

VII. The officers of this body shall submit every year a written report of the work done for this Association.

VII. Each body holding membership in the Missouri State Association is requested to pay to the treasurer of the Association at least one dollar each year for each active church; the money to be used for printing minutes and other expenses of the Association.

IX. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular business session by a majority vote.

### CONSTITUTION.

I. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists.

II. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together the Freewill Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering so they can get better acquainted with each other and for the upbuilding of the Freewill Baptist churches of Missouri and the salvation of souls.

III. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates from the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, and Associations. Each body shall be entitled to one delegate for every fifty members or major fraction thereof, with the deacons, licensed, and ordained ministers.

IV. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Asst. Moderator, a Clerk, who shall also be treasurer and shall superintend printing of minutes at \$5.00 per annum, assistant Clerk who shall be elected annually and hold their office

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until their successors shall be elected; a Board of Trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years, and at the expiration of each of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years, and who shall hold their office until their successors are elected; and further, if any vacancy occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association, who shall perform the following duties: First—Shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of The Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Freewill Baptists: to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension to secure, hold, use and convey funds in money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Freewill Baptist denomination. Second—To receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property intrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the purpose of the donors. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons or delegates.

V. This Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Associations that shall be under its supervision but shall be an advisory body to help them.

VI. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

VII. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk and in their absence the senior minister in age shall call the Association to order for business and call the Moderator or his assistant to the chair, and if neither



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Moderator nor assistant are present, then the senior minister in age shall act as Moderator. On taking the chair the Moderator shall call for the reading of the letters from the different bodies composing this Association and after the letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated the election of new officers shall be in order.

VIII. An organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Freewill Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session through a letter or delegate and by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

IX. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present after a written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the New Morning Star three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION STATISTICS  
FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN-NINETEEN**

Union Association J. F. McCall J. T. Cole  
25 Churches, 1329 Members, 37 Ministers.

Indian Creek Association E. C. Whitehead Lizzie  
Turner 6 Churches, 212 Members, 6 Ministers,  
\$4.00 For Minutes.

Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association W. H. York B. F. Brown 12  
Churches, 767 Members, 12 Ministers, \$7.50 Minute Money.

Laclede County Association A. L. Broyles Ira  
Waterman 1211 Members, 38 Ministers.

Niangua Association G. S. Gaskell W. F. Millard  
9 Churches, 19 Members.

Northwest Missouri Association P. L. Price

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Margaret Williams 359 Members, 10 ministers.  
Northeast Missouri Association W. D. McFarland  
J. F. Duckworth 8 Churches, 800 Members, 8 Min.  
Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting F. J. Brotherton  
L. N. Beard 13 Ministers, \$2.00 Minute Mon.  
West Mt. Zion Association No report given.  
The first name after the Association is that of the Moderator and the second one that of the Clerk;  
For address of Moderators and Clerks see Ministers Roll elsewhere in this minute.—Printer.

### **FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT.**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn Covenant. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all 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 obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith and good works, endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to contribute 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 bond of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to

strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting 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 on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sabbath Schools and evangelical efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world; and may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **FREEWILL BAPTIST 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 Spirit, 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 Saviour and Lord.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.



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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 of grace not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore inherited 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, sufferings death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of Salvation by faith.

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

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

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

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation

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of all, the God invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely

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

**13. Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of the 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 administered to all true believers.

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

**15. Resurrection, Judgment, 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 ill to the resurrection of judgment; their the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."