

Hannon

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourteenth Annual Session

OF THE

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

—OF—

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Hannon Church, Barton County, Mo.,
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PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening Session

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its fourteenth annual session at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1927, with the Hannon Church, Hannon, Mo.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Elder T. C. Ferguson, opened by singing led by Elder E. A. Odonell, of Oklahoma.

After a few minutes of opening exercises a very pleasing address of welcome was delivered by the pastor of the Hannon Church, Elder Willie York; response by Elder M. M. McKee, of Oklahoma.

Elder E. Hendrickson, the one previously chosen to deliver the introductory sermon, not being present, the Moderator then requested the officers of the Hannon Church to select two ministers to fill the stand for the evening. They chose Elder M. M. McKee, of Okla., to deliver the message, and Elder E. House to follow. They both delivered soul-stirring messages which were greatly enjoyed.

A few minutes were then spent in devotional exercises followed by dismissal to come together at 8:45 Thursday morning.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Elder T. C. Ferguson, and opened by singing led by Elder Rochelle Langley, of St. Louis, after which Elder Wm. H. McGowen offered prayer; scripture reading by the Moderator, followed with prayer by Elder B. F. Brown.

Minutes of the Wednesday evening session were read and approved.

Letters from the following associations were read and received and delegates seated: Northeast Missouri, Northwest Mo., Southeast Mo., Indian Creek, Central Western Mo., Southeastern Kansas and Cave Spring.

The following officers were elected for the year 1927-28: Elder T. C. Ferguson, Moderator, Ash Grove, Mo.; Elder Willie York, Assistant Moderator, Hannon, Mo.; Elder Winford Davis, Clerk, Monett, Mo.; Elder E. House, Assistant Clerk, Santa Rosa, Mo.

Members of the Executive Board were elected as follows: Elder O. T. Allred, Springfield, Mo., for the unexpired term of Elder Ira Waterman, which is three years, and Elder Rochelle Langley, St. Louis, for five years.

Motion carried that the next session of this Association be held with the Mt. Zion Church, ten miles north of Plattsburg, Missouri.

The following were appointed by the Moderator as pulpit

committee: Deacons O. T. Fast, P. R. Henderson, John Laccoarce, Ed. Washburn and Delegate O. E. Thomas.

A hand of fellowship was extended to the visiting brothers and sisters, followed by a partial report of the pulpit committee, that Elder R. Langley fill the stand at 11 o'clock, followed by Elder E. Hendrickson.

Motion carried that the visiting brethren from Oklahoma be granted time in the afternoon to present their claims.

Motion carried that we elect delegates from this body to the Oklahoma State Association commencing with the Drumright Church, Drumright, Okla., Wednesday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1928. The following were elected: Elders Wm. McGowen, R. Langley, L. J. Gearing, J. F. McCall and Winford Davis.

Motion carried to receive the report of clerk and treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at 2:30 p. m..

At 11:00 o'clock Elder R. Langley filled the stand followed by Elder E. Hendrickson. Both delivered rousing messages and most all experienced a spiritual feast. A number of songs were rendered by our Oklahoma brethren and others which were greatly enjoyed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by the Moderator and opened by singing led by Elder E. A. Odonell from Oklahoma. Scripture reading by the Moderator, prayer by Elder E. House.

Minutes of the morning session read and approved. A letter of greeting was received from the Missouri General Baptist Association.

The clerk was authorized to send a letter of greeting, and delegates were elected as follows to the Mo. General Baptist Association when it convenes in 1928: Elders L. J. Gearing and O. C. Keller.

The report from the Oklahoma State Association was received and the delegates seated.

Motion carried to receive the reports of Elders L. J. Gearing and J. F. McCall from the Union Association and seat those present from this Association as delegates in lieu of the report and delegates that should come.

Motion carried that this Association convene in its next session on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1928, Elder Truman Allred to preach the introductory sermon; his assistant to be Elder R. Langley.

The pulpit committee chose Elder Oliver to fill the stand at night, followed by Elder E. A. Odonell, both of Oklahoma.

The following committees were appointed: Committee on Evangelism and Missions, Elders J. L. Waterman, O. T. Allred, Selph Jones; On Business, Elders L. J. Gearing, E. Hendrickson, and Deacon L. C. Wade; On Education-Publication, Elders W.

H. York, Ora Keller, Rochelle Langley; On Sunday Schools, Elders E. House, Wm. H. McGowern, Miss Melba White; On Obituaries, Mrs. Ed. Wade, Mrs. L. J. Gearing, Mrs. M. Snidon; On Temperance, O. T. Fast.

After the committees were appointed the floor was turned over to the Oklahoma brethren, and they delivered heart-reaching messages and appeals in behalf of the home mission work, our Tecumseh property and other important subjects.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:45 a. m. Friday.

THURSDAY EVENING

At 7:00 o'clock the meeting was opened by singing a number of special songs, then Elder J. L. Waterman made a brief talk concerning our mission field paper, and subscriptions were taken. After this a devotional service was conducted by Elder Winford Davis. Then Elder Oliver filled the stand followed by Elder E. A. Odonell, both of Oklahoma. They delivered rousing messages. After this a farewell handshake was given the Oklahoma brethren followed by dismissal.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order and opened by singing, scripture reading by the Moderator, prayer by Elder L. J. Gearing.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the report of Elder Lem Waterman from the Laclede County Association and seat him as a delegate.

Motion carried to receive the report of Elder E. T. House from the Niangua Association, and seat him as a delegate.

A letter of greeting was received from the Southern Illinois F. W. B. Association and Elder S. A. E. Bunton and Chas. R. Porter were seated as delegates.

Motion carried that this body send corresponding messengers and a letter of greeting to the Southern Illinois Association which convenes in September, 1928. The messengers were chosen as follows: Elders. R. Langley, J. F. McCall, Wm. H. McGowen and T. C. Ferguson.

Delegates to the Co-operative Association were elected as follows: From Southeast Mo. Association Elder R. Langley; Central Western Mo., Southeastern Kansas, Elder W. H. York, Ed. Washburn and O. T. Fast; Union. Elders J. F. McCall and Ora Keller; Indian Creek, Elders E. Hendrickson and Winford Davis; Laclede County, Elder Lem Waterman; Northwest Mo., M. H. White and Miss Melba White; Northeast Mo., Charlie Phillips; Cave Spring, Elder W. P. Stogstill; Niangua, Elders Willie Rush and W. F. Millard.

Report of Elder T. C. Ferguson, evangelist: Meetings held in four different States and in five different Associations in Missouri, saw hundreds profess faith in Christ the past year and

baptized a good number; helped ordain a number of preachers and deacons, and helped organize one church in St. Louis.

Motion carried to receive the report.

The following were elected State Evangelists for the years 1927-28: Elder T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.; Elder Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.; Elder L. J. Gearing, Mt. Grove, Mo.; Elder Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

The reports of the executive board and the clerk-treasurer were read and received.

Motion carried to adjourn until 2:00 p. m.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder O. T. Allred filled the stand followed by Elder L. J. Gearing. Both delivered soul stirring messages, and the Lord was among his people in power.

FRIDAY EVENING

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, and opened by singing led by Elder Selph Jones. Scripture reading by the Moderator and prayer by Elder Wm. McGowen.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Motion carried that this body endorse all the Missouri State evangelists as corresponding messengers to any Free Will Baptist body they may come in contact with.

All money available was turned in for publishing the minutes, and the matter of having them published was left in the hands of the clerk.

The following is the report of the committee on education and denominational enterprises:

Be it resolved, that we as a body heartily endorse our publication, "The Mission World," published at Cushing, Okla., and that we continually teach and preach better Bible knowledge and education among our ministers and laity. That our people be careful of what kind of books they keep in their homes, and that our workers try to get the mission work organized in every city possible throughout the State. We also recommend that steps be taken to carry out the plans stated by our Oklahoma brethren in regard to helping pay off our indebtedness.

ELD. W. H. YORK, Chairman

" R. LANGLEY

" ORA KELLER

Committee

Motion carried to received the report and discharge the committee.

A collection was taken to help pay off the indebtedness on our Tecumseh property which amounted to \$8.95.

The floor was then turned over to Elder B. F. Brown who made an interesting talk concerning our Tecumseh property and the new treaties.

Motion carried to adopt the resolution of the business committee, which was that this body appeal to the Co-operative Association in behalf of building an orphans, widows and old ministers home.

Motion carried to table the resolution of the business committee as to selling our Tecumseh property.

The following resolution of the business committee was adopted:

That each church of this body have a thanksgiving rally, carried on so as to realize some finance from it, the proceeds to be sent direct to Mrs. Cora Lamar, treasurer, to be paid on the indebtedness hanging over our Tecumseh property.

ELD. L. J. GEARING, Chairman

" E. HENDRICKSON

DEACON L. C. WADE

Business Committee.

The executive board, with the clerk, was ordered to take steps as to having this body chartered between now and the next session of the Co-operative Association.

The report of the obituary committee was received and a standing vote of sympathy and a prayer was given in behalf of our dear deceased; Mrs. Allen Shewey, Eld. Ira Waterman, Eld. M. B. Cliff, Wilbur Thomas and Mrs. S. C. Douglas.

Report as follows: Whereas it has pleased the Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to enter into our midst, and call from among us the above named members whom we so highly esteemed and loved; and, whereas, their absence is felt by us and their respective churches; yet we bow to the will of the Creator, and acknowledge his hand in taking them to unite with the church triumphant; therefore be it resolved that we and the above named churches have lost worthy members to whom we are bound by ties of Christian love, and we offer our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends, and ask them to trust Him who was to the deceased strength in life and comfort in death.

ELD. SELPH JONES, Chairman

MRS. L. J. GEARING

MRS. MARY SNIDOW

Committee

The resolution of the committee on evangelism and home missions was adopted, which was that the State of Missouri be organized in the home mission work along with the other States, seeing that it has become a national work.

ELD. J. L. WATERMAN

National Supt. Mission Work.

" O. T. ALLRED

" SELPH JONES

Elder Wm. H. McGowen, Rich Hill, Mo., was elected State superintendent of the mission work, and was granted credentials.

Report of pulpit committee that the brethren from Illinois fill the stand at 7.00 p. m.

Motion was carried to adjourn to meet at 8:45 Saturday morning.

At 7:00 p. m. meeting was called to order and opened by singing led by Elder Willie York. Devotional services were conducted by Elder Wm McGowen, after which Bro. Earl Phillips and Bro. Willie Bauman were ordained as deacons of the Verdella F. W. B. Church. Following this a standing vote of thanks were given the Hannon church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown the delegates and visitors while in their midst. Also a standing vote of thanks was given the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk for their faithful efforts.

Then Elder Chas. R. Porter filled the stand, followed by Elder A. E. Bunton, both of Illinois. They delivered soul-stirring messages and the Holy Spirit of God was manifested.

SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order and opened by singing, scripture reading by the moderator, prayer by Sister Snidon.

Motion carried that the clerk be paid \$5.00 wages.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Sunday School committee. Report is as follows:

We recommend that this body take steps to organize this State for Sunday School work, that the work might be carried on more efficiently. We further recommend that Free Will Baptist literature be used just as far as can be arranged for.

We recommend our literature published at Cushing, Okla., and Ayden, N. C.

ELD. E. T. HOUSE

MISS MELBA WHITE

ELD. WM. McGOVERN

Committee

Motion carried that the Sunday School work be left in the hands of the State evangelists for the coming year.

The pulpit committee made their final report as follows:

Elder Winford Davis fill the stand at 11:00 o'clock, followed by Elder W. P. Stogstill.

Motion carried to receive report and release the committee.

The committee on temperance reported as follows:

Resolved, That we the Missouri State Association of F. W. B. stand firmly for the 18th amendment and for the enforcement of all laws looking to the abolition of the liquor traffic.

Be it further resolved, that we do all we can to discourage not only the use of intoxicants, but also the use of tobacco in any form.

O. T. FAST, Committee.

Motion carried to receive report and release the committee.

The Articles of Faith and Church Covenant were read by the Moderator.

Minutes of the Saturday morning session were read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Wednesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1928, with the Mt. Zion church near Plattsburg, Mo., in the Starfield neighborhood.

At 11:00 o'clock Elder Winford Davis filled the stand, followed by Elder W. P. Stogstill. The spirit of the Father was present and was manifested among his children.

On Saturday night Elder Ora Keller filled the stand, and on Sunday Elder B. F. Brown, followed by Elder E. Hendrickson.

On Sunday night Elder McGowern led the opening exercises, and Elder T. C. Ferguson preached and had the flower service. A revival of power broke out and five precious souls were saved.

Financial Statement of Clerk and Treasurer

Money received at the Association	\$23.75
Amount left in treasury from last year.....	7.15
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Total.....	\$30.90
Clerk's salary	5.00
Paid Nevatt Printing Co., Springfield, for printing these minutes	27.00
Balance due clerk on going to press on this Nov-16, 1927	1.10
Signed, WINFORD DAVIS,	
Clerk and Treasurer.	

Officers of this Association

Elder T. C. Ferguson, Moderator, Ash Grove, Mo.
Elder Willie York, Assistant Moderator, Hannon, Mo.
Elder Winford Davis, Clerk & Treasurer, Monett, Mo.
Elder E. T. House, Assistant Clerk, Santa Rosa, Mo.

Executive Board

Elder Rochelle Langley, St. Louis, Mo., term expires 1932.
Deacon P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo., term expires 1931.
Elder O. T. Allred, Springfield, Mo., term expires 1930.
Elder T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo., term expires 1929.
Elder E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo., term expires 1928.

State Evangelists

Elder L. J. Gearing, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 Elder Lem Waterman, Eldrigde, Mo.
 Elder T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.
 Elder Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Enrollment of Association

MINISTERS	VISITING ELDERS	DEACONS
R. T. Langley	B. F. Brown,	E. T. Brewer
W. P. Stogstill	Tecumseh, Okla.	Ross R. Thomas
Ora Keller	E. A. Odonell,	John Laccoarce
L. J. Gearing	McClaud, Okla.	O. T. Fast
Selph Jones	Lee Oliver,	C. W. Ricketts
J. F. McCall	Drumright, Okla.	G. C. Lewis
T. C. Ferguson	M. M. McKee,	Ed Washburn
Willie York	Drumright, Okla.	L. C. Wade
Wm. McGovern	J. L. Waltman,	J. M. Duncan
T. L. York	Cushing, Okla.	P. R. Henderson
Bascom Cassett	A. E. Burton,	
Winford Davis	Sesser, Ills.	
E. Hendrickson	Chas. R. Porter,	
O. T. Allred	Sesser, Ills.	
E. T. House		
Lem Waterman		
DELEGATES		
Emma Henderson	Mary M. Snidon	W. D. Young
Fred Reed	Mrs. Ed. Washburn	Mrs. L. J. Gearing
Ida Ball	Mrs. T. M. Duncan	Miss E. Jones
O. E. Thomas	William Bowman	R. J. Wisheart
Ralph Smith	J. T. Tarry	Melba White
Anna Laccorace	Alma Hammonds	

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to This Association

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

William Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	W. C. Norman, Couch, Mo.
James McGhee, Myrtle, "	Wm. Johnson, Alton, "
T. J. Dunkin, Myrtle, "	W. P. Stogstill, Alton, "
T. G. Rutledge, Myrtle, "	W. C. Williams, Myrtle, "
Milo Stanley, Couch, "	Elmer Hodges, Alton, "

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

(Yearly Meeting)

M. Henderson, Fredricktown, Mo.	J. Francis, St. Louis, Mo.
J. L. Yancey, Fredricktown, "	S. W. Beard, Bismark, "
Sam King, Fargo, "	F. M. Robinson, Flat River, Mo.
John Maze, Fredricktown, "	John Flanery, Doe Run, "
Chas. Canterbury, Knoblick, "	V. Simmons, Fredricktown, "
J. J. Wood, Farmington, "	Ed Womack, Flat River, "
W. C. Hill, Marquand, "	P. S. Cox, St. Louis, "
P. B. Hilderbrand, Flat River, "	N. Gomblin, St. Louis, "
S. M. Ferguson, Flat River, "	M. Cleaner, St. Louis, "
Fred Brotherton, Esther, "	C. Wood, Fredricktown, "
T. J. Mann, Esther, "	Rochelle Langley, St. Louis, "
F. A. Simino, Detroit, Mich.	O. B. Womack, Clerk, Farmington, Mo.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

C. E. Mann, Greentop, Mo.	G. W. Hensley, Gr. City, Mo.
Cora Mann, Greentop, "	J. W. Stephenson, St. Joseph, "
W. B. Fadley, Weatherly, Mo.	W. A. Strand, Clerk, Easton, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

O. T. Allred, Springfield, Mo.	L. E. Nutting, Stella, Mo.
B. Clark, Joplin, "	A. M. Walgamott, Wheaton, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, "	E. Hendrickson, Granby, "
H. E. Rowland, Baxter Springs Kans.	Wes Martin, Douthat, Okla.
C. W. Mayfield, Chetopa, Kan.	G. W. Foust, Galena, Kans.
Myrtle Ferguson, Nixa, Mo.	J. A. Pasey, Treece, "
E. C. Whitehead, Baxter Springs, Kans.	S. A. Mayfield, Ira Moore and E. Casteel, addresses unknown
R. L. Nutting, Clerk, Joplin, Mo.	

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. SOUTH EASTERN KANS. ASSOCIATION

T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.	Wm. McGovern, Rich Hill, Mo.
W. H. York, Hannon, "	Bascom Cassett, Liberal, "
T. L. York, Hannon, "	C. T. Williams, Neola, "

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

J. F. Duckworth, Detroit, Mich.	W. D. McFarland, Linonia, Mo.
Chas. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.	J. F. Miller, Greentop, "
Bessie Fowler, Clerk, Kirksville, Mo.	C. E. Mann, Kirksville, "

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo.	G. W. Sturdevent, Longlane Mo.
Willie Rush, Goadson, "	Emel Burton, Longlane, "
W. N. Sutton, Long Lane, "	H. S. Lee, Longlane, "

J. H. Robinson, Lebanon, Mo.	Arthur Medley, Plad, Mo.
W. M. Phillips, Lebanon, "	O. B. Lane, Tulsa, Okla.
J. W. Potete, Phillipsburg, "	N. J. Brashears, Lindsay, Calif.
C. A. Hefton, Phillipsburg, "	J. P. Highfill, Springfield, Mo.
Willie Jones, Conway, "	Theo. Clark, Buffalo, "
Lee Spain, Springfield, "	W. F. Millard, Clerk,
Elmer Parmer, Branch, "	Buffalo, Mo.

UNION ASSOCIATION

T. B. Marler, Inola, Mo.	W. N. Coffman, Mt. Grove, Mo.
A. J. Barnett, Norwood, Mo.	Ben Owens, Norwood, "
A. J. Kelsey, Hartville, "	B. S. Moody, Norwood, "
J. G. Koch, Huggins, "	J. F. Marler, Ava, "
L. H. Plunk, Mt. Grove, "	T. W. Scott, Sr. Mt. Grove, "
A. M. Halford, Brushey Knob,	D. R. Royster, Hartville, "
John Ratterree, Huggins, Mo.	N. E. Snider, Manes, "
S. C. Cartwright, Norwood, "	H. M. Cape, Lebanon, "
O. C. Keller, Lamar, "	Jeff Postewart, Graff, "
Arthur Rich, Macomb, "	Laura J. Robertson, Ava, "
L. M. Marler, Ava, "	G. W. Scott, Jr., Graff, "
J. E. Burney, Hartville, "	C. W. Edwards, Competition, "
John W. Silvery, Seymour, "	J. T. Holcomb, Marshfield, "
J. H. Claxton, Seymour, "	W. H. Williams, Hartville, "
J. F. McCall, Locust Gr., Okla.	Frank Butram, Gr. Springs, "
Clarence Ussery, Norwood, Mo.	J. H. Lowry, Springfield, "
Neal Moore, Norwood, "	E. Carpenter, Seymour, "
L. T. Koch, Huggins, "	Elias Matney
O. L. Claxton, Seymour, "	Tennie Scott, Clerk, Manes, "

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

W. T. James, Sage, Mo.	Glenn James, Lebanon, Mo.
Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.	C. T. Neece, Rackett, "
Jasper Lewis, Grace, "	William Schuts, Agnes, "
M. E. Brasher, Aba, "	A. T. Chambers, Agnes, "
J. R. Reid, Aba, "	L. H. Jones, Falcon, "
S. N. Reid, Aba, "	T. J. Peterson, Oakland, "
A. L. Brayles, Lyons, "	L. Milligan, Competition, "
C. A. McAllister, Dryknob, "	W. W. Butts, Crittenden, "
R. W. Bingham, Dryknob, "	C. M. Rector, Des Moines, Iowa
William Fincher, Lebanon, "	Bland Massie, Guian, Ark.
C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon, "	Chas. Waterman, Des Moines,
M. T. Komenick, Lebanon, "	Iowa

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 Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship; and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the 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 evangelistic 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.

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 Savior and Lord.

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

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitutions 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, our 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 and live, or 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 the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERENCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in 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 administered to all true believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The Divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employ-

ment 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; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment," but the righteous into eternal life.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together of the Free Will 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 Free Will Baptist churches of Missouri and the salvation of souls.

3. 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.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, who shall also be Treasurer and shall superintend the printing of the minutes at \$5.00 per annum. and hold their office 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 Free Will 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 Free Will Baptist denomination. Second—To receive, hold, manage, use, control or convey any property intrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons or delegates.

5. 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.

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

7. 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 Moderator nor his 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.

8. An organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Free Will 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.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all the 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.

BY-LAWS

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

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

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

4. 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.

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

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

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

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session a written report of the work done for this Association.

9. Each body holding membership in this Association is requested to pay to the treasurer of this 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.

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

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot, except when the rules are suspended, then election shall be by acclamation.

12. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a two-thirds vote of this body.

14. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection.

15. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects, except to amend the Constitution, receive Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings, Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the Moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association.