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**OF THE**  
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**OF**  
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# **The Missouri State Association of FREE WILL BAPTIST**

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## **OFFICERS**

Eld. E. T. House, Moderator,	Santa Rosa, Mo.
Eld. J. F. Miller, Ass't Mod.	Fredericktown, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas.,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. Lem Waterman, Ass't Clerk,	Lebanon, Mo.

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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Eld. T. C. Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.,	Term expires 1934
Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Fredericktown, Mo.,	Term expires 1933
Eld. R. T. Langley, St. Louis, Mo.	Term expires 1932
Dea. P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo.,	Term expires 1931
Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.,	Term expires 1930

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## **STATE EVANGELISTS**

Serving Without Salary

Eld. E. E. Winfree,	Mammoth Springs, Ark.
Eld. Mike Cleaver,	Mill Creek, Mo.
Eld. W. R. Rush,	Santa Rosa, Mo.
Eld. T. C. Ferguson,	Ash Grove, Mo.
Eld. Lem Waterman,	Lebanon, Mo.
Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Fredericktown, Mo.

## PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri state Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Sixteenth Annual Session, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. October 11th 1929, with the Flat River church, Flat River Mo.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Eld T C Ferguson. Welcome address by Eld. H M McAdams, pastor of Flat River Church, after which Eld. E T House, the one chosen in 1928, to preach the introductory sermon. delivered a heart searching message from Heb. 4:15.

Meeting was dismissed to come together at 9:00 a. m. Thursday 17th.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. T C Ferguson. Prayer by Eld E E Winfree, scripture reading by Moderator. Fifth chapter of Matt.

Letters were read and accepted and delegates seated from the following Associations: North West Mo., North East Mo., South East Mo., Indian Creek, Union, and Central Western Mo. and South Eastern Kansas. Elders. Lem Waterman and Willie Rush were present as standing delegates from Laclede Co., and Niangua Associations.

Officers were elected as follows:

Eld. E T House	Moderator,	Santa Rosa, Mo.
.. J F Miller Ass't	..	Fredricktown, Mo.
.. Winfred Davis,	Clerk,—Treas.	Monett, Mo.

Clerk chose Eld. Lem Waterman, Lebanon, Mo. as Assistant Clerk.

Eld. T C Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo., was reelected member of Executive Board for a term of five years.

A temporary committee was appointed to select two to fill the stand at Eleven o'clock. They chose Mrs. Lizzie McAdams and Eld. J F Miller.

Motion carried to adjourn till 1:30 p.m. At this time a wonderful welcome address to the town of Flat River was given by a Mr. T A Matthews; chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of the town of Flat River.

## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At 11 o'clock Mrs. Lizzie McAdams brought a soul-stirring message, followed by Eld. J F Miller with another message of power. The spirit of Christ prevailed throughout the service.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Moderator Eld. E T House. Scripture reading by Moderator, 116th Psalm. Prayer by Eld. O T Allred.

Minutes of Morning Session were read and approved.

The following committees were appointed by Moderator:

**To Select State Evangelists**—M H White, Luther Mayberry, James Claxton, J B LaBrot, and Oscar Peterson

**Business**—W A Stroud, W C Hill, J F Mikel, R F Claxton, and B F Brown.

**Locating**—Melba White, E E Winfree, Anna Mikel Selph Jones, and B F Brown.

**Temperance**—H M McAdams, Mike Cleaver, and Lem Waterman.

**On Condition of our Denomination Over the State**—Willie Rush, T C Ferguson, and E E Winfree.

**Civine Service**—Anna Reed, Maud Peterson Irene Mayberry, Clarence Helms.

Reports from the following State Evangelists for the year 1928—29 were read and approved: Elds. H M McAdams, Winford Davis, Willie Rush, Mike Cleaver, T C Ferguson, E E Winfree.

Financial report of Clerk and Treasurer was read and approved.

Motion carried to approve the election of delegates to the Co-operative General Association elected in 1927, and hold them as delegates to the called session at Macedonia Church near Monett, Mo., beginning Tuesday night before the second Sunday in December, 1929. Clerk was instructed to notify each one

Motion carried to receive the letter from Cave Springs Association and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Friday.

Prayer by Eld. J F Miller.

### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting called to order and, after devotional exercises and the rendering of some special songs, the stand was filled, as announced by Pulpit Committee, by Eld. M M McKee, State Evangelist of Okla., followed by Eld. Mike Cleaver. Both delivered soul-stirring messages of power and God's Spirit was manifested.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. E T House. Special song by Eld. Selph Jones. Scripture reading by Moderator, 13th chapter 1st Cor. Prayer by Eld. J F Miller.

Minutes of Thursday afternoon session read and approved.

Motion carried to grant the Mission workers and League workers some time, first thing in the afternoon.

Motion carried to receive report of Locating Committee, which was as follows: The next session of this Association shall be held with Norman Church, Oregon County, near Alton, Mo. Eld. Selph Jones to preach the Introductory Sermon, Eld. Winfrod Davis the alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Condition of our Work over the State.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee. A thorough discussion followed.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee and discuss articles separately.

Motion carried to leave article one in hands of the editor and Publication Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p.m. Prayer by Eld. T E L Curry.



## ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At 11:00, as announced by Pulpit Committee, Mrs. Ora Mae McKinney Davis filled the stand, followed by Eld. Winford Davis. God's Spirit was greatly manifested in the renewing of one precious soul.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Praise by congregation. Lesson read by the Moderator 14th chapter of St. John. Prayer by Eld. Edward Hilliar.

At this time the Mission Workers of the Lead Belt under the leadership of Sister Lizzie McAdams, made a report of their work, sang a mission song, and greatly impressed upon our people the great need and benefit of the Mission work.

Motion carried to adopt article two of Business Committee pertaining to the League work. After a thorough discussion Eld. Lester Ferguson, Flat River, Mo., was elected State League President, and Wm. Reeves, Flat River, Mo. Vice President. Miss Melba White, Hemple, Mo. Secretary, and Ora Mae McKinney Davis, St. Louis, editor of League Lessons.

Art. 3 of Business Committee was adopted and Eld. W C Hill was elected city Missionary over the city of St. Louis.

Motion carried to adopt Art. 4 of Business Committee, relative to the Budget System, a plan for financing our State work, the assessment on the churches to be based by a Committee appointed as follows- Elders Lizzie McAdams, Geo. Miller, O T Allred. This Committee based the sum to be raised the coming year at ten cents per member.

Motion carried to adopt Art. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to locate the "Gem" printing press at Purdy, Barry County, Mo.

Motion carried that the denomination buy a Linotype.

Motion carried that Eld. B F Brown go on the field, with the privilege of securing the assistance of others, to raise funds for buying a Linotype.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Prayer by Eld. J L Newbern.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

7:30 p. m., praise by congregation.

Editor B F Brown secured a number of subscriptions to the F W B Gem.

A collection was taken to help print minutes, which amounted to \$15.21.

A standing vote of thanks was given Friday night to F R church and town.

A number of special songs were sung by the Lead Belt quartette and others, after which, as chosen by Pulpit Committee, Eld. Willie Rush filled the stand, followed by Eld. Selph Jones; both delivered soul-stirring messages of power.

### SATURDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator Eld. J F Miller. Scripture reading by Assistant Moderator, 1st chapter 1st Peter. Prayer by Eld. M M McKee of Soper, Okla.

Motion carried to make all funds obtained by the Budget System available at any time thru the State Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on State Evangelists with the necessary amendments. The following were elected State Evangelists: Elders T C Ferguson, Mike Cleaver, Willie Rush, Lem Waterman, J F Miller, and E E Winfree.

Motion carried that State Evangelists go without salary

Motion carried to empower State Evangelists and editor of the "Gem" paper to represent the Mo., State Association in whatever Free Will or General Baptist body they might come in contact with.

At this time Eld C A Curry made a splendid talk and gave a verbal report of the Southern Illinois yearly meeting.



Motion carried to elect two corresponding messengers to Illinois Yearly Meeting, convening in 1930. Messengers elected: Elders H M McAdams and W C Hill

Motion carried to receive report, in full, of Business Committee, and discharge committee.

Motion carried to give the League and Home Mission workers a prominent place on Saturday of next year

Motion carried that this Association meet next year on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday night.

Motion carried to adopt all minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Norman church, near Alton, Oregon County, Mo., on Tuesday night before the third Sunday in October, 1930.

#### ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICES

At 11:00 o'clock Eld. George Miller filled the stand followed by Eld. C A Curry of Illinois. Both delivered soul stirring messages and one precious soul was saved.

The stand was filled Saturday evening at 7:30 by Eld. B F Brown.

Eld. E T House,

Moderator.

., Winford Davis,

Clerk,

## Committee Reports

**Business—Art. 1.** We recommend that the editor of our "Free Will Baptist Gem" offer space up to one page of our paper to the colored Free Will Baptist in which they may report their work under the heading of "The Colored Free Will Baptist."

**Art. 2** We recommend that this body take steps to promote our League Work over the State and that an editor be elected to prepare lessons to be printed in the Gem; the organization to be known as the Free Will Baptist League.

**Art. 3.** We recommend that Eld. W C Hill be elected missionary for the city of St. Louis.

**Art. 4.** We recommend that steps be taken to get the Budget System in all our churches. We suggest that a committee be appointed to inquire of, and converse with, each pastor present, as to the financial ability of our churches; and, after a thorough investigation, this committee set a sum to be raised each year by each church according to its membership: this money to be applied exclusively on all the needs of our State Association.

**Art. 5.** Be it resolved, That We approve and recommend "The School of the Bible" conducted by Eld. John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebraska.

We recommend this school to all our preachers and all who are doing Christian work, and urge that they all avail themselves of the opportunities this school offers.

Since the Butler-Dunn Systematic Theology is being reprinted we urge that each of our preachers order a copy of this book furnished by John H Wolfe at \$2.00 each.

Committee { W A Stroud,  
W C Hill,  
J F Miller,  
W R Rush,  
B F Brown.

**Temperance—** We stand for complete prohibition in every respect. We are unalterably opposed to the use and sale of all intoxicating liquor as a beverage.

We are truly proud of the change prohibition has made in our great nation, for instance, prohibition stopped the annual production by licensed dealers of over 2,000,000,000 gallons of intoxicating liquor. The report of the Federal Commissioner on prohibition for April, 1928, shows the production of distilled spirits (whiskey, rum, gin, brandy and alcohol) produced in the United States by licensed distilleries fell from 286,000,000 gallons in 1917 to 82,000,000 gallons in 1922. A falling off in the manufacture of over 200,000,000 gallons of strong drink the first year of War Prohibition. Prohibition also stopped 17,000,000 gallons of liquor from being imported.

Again in 1918 there were 51,000,000, gallons of wine manufactured in the United States by licensed makers, in 1927 there were 4,000,000 gallons produced.

In 1917 there were 1,817,000,000, gallons of beer manufactured by licensed brewers, today there is not a licensed brewer in the United States.

The following tabulation shows the reduction of liquor produced in the United States by licensed dealers since prohibition came into effect:

	Gallons
Distilled liquor .....	101,000,000
Imported liquor .....	17,000,000
Wine .....	47,000,000
Beer .....	1,885,000,000
Total .....	2,050,000,000

Prohibition has stopped the legal manufacture of over 2,000,000,000 gallons of intoxicating liquors, and yet there are those who claim there is more liquor consumed today than there was prior to prohibition.

The death rate declined over ten per cent in the United States following prohibition. In New York City, where prohibition is least enforced, the death rate shows to be twenty-five per cent less the five years following prohibition than it was the five years prior to it.

The Metropolitan Life Insurance Company showed a death rate of 8.5 in 1925 its lowest rate on record.

We only wish that we could give to our members the records in full on prohibition.

May we ever be on our guard and keep the liquor demon warded off. Also seeing the great amount of money spent for tobacco each year is appalling. In one year there were spent for:

Cigars.....	\$5,000,000
Cigarettes.....	18,000,000
Tobacco and snuff.....	80,000,000
Cigar and cigarette holders.....	300,000
Total .....	\$103,300,000

And knowing the injurious effects on the human system; Therefore we ask all of our preachers to discontinue the use of tobacco in every form, and plead with the lay members of the church to quit the use of tobacco and use their part of that vast sum of money spent each year, to build up God's cause and kingdom.

Committee { H M McAdams,  
Mike Cleaver,  
Lem Waterman.

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#### **Executive Board—**

We have had two meetings the past year, one about the location of the "Gem" printing press in Mo: but most of the business we have done was done by correspondence.

Eld. T C Ferguson      Chairman  
    ,, O T Allred,      Clerk.

**Publication—**We, your Committee on Publication, report as follows:— When steps were taken at our Association last year for the publication of our denominational paper, the Free Will Baptist Gem, it was agreed and understood that our press should be moved to some point in the State of Missouri, and to move by July first. That date is past and we have neither moved nor provided a place to move to.

Several locations have been considered and two or three places are still at our disposal. One of these propositions is

at Purdy, which we describe and approve as a home for our press. It is a two story, ten room frame dwelling, just one block from main street. The house is well built of first class material, and will serve for our printing plant, on the ground floor and living quarters upstairs for the editor and will need little or no alterations. This building is in good condition and priced at \$800.00.

As Bro. Brown, our editor, would buy this property to be used as stated above if the Association will buy a linotype for use in our publishing house, Therefore, we recommend that Bro. Brown furnish the building for our press, and that the Association furnish the linotype, and that a man be put on the field to raise the money to pay for same.

But if the Association would rather own the building. Brother Brown will furnish the linotype if the Association will buy the building. Therefore, if the first proposition does not suit, we recommend that the Association buy the building and let Bro. Brown buy the linotype.

We find that funds have been solicited and that there is in the hands of our treasurer \$115.00 and in other hands \$49.50, besides pledges to the amount of \$450.00 have been secured in Indian Creek Association.

We recommend, therefore, that this body put a solicitor on the field to raise the amount of money that will be needed to finance proposition, if we vote it.

We endorse and recommend "The Free Will Baptist" and the Sunday School Literature published at Ayden, N. C. and ask that all our Sunday Schools, as far as possible, use our Sunday School Literature. We recommend the Eureka Free Will Baptist College at Ayden N. C. as a safe and proper institution of learning and character building for all who desire a higher course of Christian training.

Committee { B F Brown,  
J F Miller,  
Winford Davis,  
Anna Reed,  
H M McAdams,  
E T House.



**Condition of Our Work over the State**—We find that our State Association was organized sixteen years ago at Hannon, Mo., with only two Associations, and now we have nine. The most of them are prospering and growing some of them are just about holding their own, while two are going back. New churches are being organized and new buildings erected; many young ministers are starting and are making good. We also find that each Association in the state are represented at this meeting by delegates, as a whole We find that our work in this state is growing. We suggest that when a new field is found as an opportunity for the Free Will Baptist, that the State Evangelists or the Executive Board be notified.

Committee { Eld. T. C. Ferguson  
 „ W. R. Rush  
 „ E. E. Winfree

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### **State Evangelists' Reports**

**G. W. Scott, Sr.** Sermons preached, 123; Professions witnessed, 40; Additions to the church, 10; Baptized, 6; Ordained one minister, ordained two deacons, organized one church, taught two singing schools, married two couples, preached three funerals, conducted five protracted meetings. Miles traveled, 3600; money received, \$240.00; expense of travel, \$66.00.

**Mike Cleaver:** Sermons preached, 211; professions witnessed, 92; baptized 42, additions to the church 62, money received, \$255.10, miles traveled, 2685, helped ordain 4 ministers, 6 deacons, and licensed one. Preached 3 funerals, and preached in five of the nine Associations of the State.

**W. R. Rush:** Sermons preached, 68; conversions, 20; miles traveled, 1779; money received, \$136.98; funerals conducted, 4. Held three revivals and helped ordain one deacon.



**T. C. Ferguson:** Held meetings in five different states, and in five Associations of Missouri, helped organize one church in Vernon, Texas, secured pastors for several churches, secured about seventy subscriptions to the "Gem." Conversions witnessed, 360; baptized 74; received into the church, 81; miles traveled, 2300; money received, \$430.00.

**H. M. McAdams:** Had a successful year pastoring the Flat River Church; moderated the Quarterly Meeting each time in past year, helped ordain one minister and three deacons; helped license three ministers. Miles traveled, 13000; conversions witnessed, 143; received into the church, 57; baptized 27; held five underground services with the miners; conducted four shop services; assisted in 25 shop services and 20 mine services; assisted in seven revivals; sermons preached, 116; funerals conducted, four and assisted in twenty more; marriage ceremonies, four; received for pastoral work, \$1560.00; other services, \$24.00 gave for benevolence, \$123.00; for expenses, \$480.00.

**Winford Davis:** Revivals held, 7; churches pastored, 3; number conversions, 84; sermons preached, 83; miles traveled, 3785; additions to the church, 90; number baptized, 46; number of funerals, 3; marriages solemnized, 2; money received, \$607.79. In some of revivals had help, and in some held alone.

**E. E. Winfree:** Organized two churches, received 33 into the church and baptized seventeen. Sermons preached, 220; miles traveled, 3500; pastored two churches; money received, \$125.00.

## Association Enrollment

### MINISTERS

T. E. L. Curry	Lem Waterman	H. M. McAdams
E. L. Womack	E. E. Winfree	Lizzie McAdams
B. F. Brown	Mike Cleaver	George Miller
P. C. Hildebrand	O. T. Allred	T. C. Ferguson
J. L. Yancey	J. L. Newbern	Lester Ferguson
Jas. F. Miller	W. C. Hill	W. R. Rush
Winford Davis	Edward Hilliar	E. T. House
Perrion S. Cox	J. P. Maze	Naith Combs
Selph Jones	S. M. King	Bart Wright
L. N. Beard		S. M. Ferguson

Charles Canterbury

Ora Mae McKinney Davis

### VISITING MINISTERS

C. A. Curry

M. M. McKee

### DEACONS

L. H. Elders	W. A. Stroud	W. J. Coffey
W. I. Jemes	W. A. Mount	J. R. Gammon
Luther Mayberry	J. E. Claxton	R. F. Claxton
Oscar Peterson	W. H. Adams	J. B. La Bröt
Alex Wampler	M. A. Henson	M. H. White
Clarence Helms	Jesse Jones	B. R. Straughn
J.P. McCullough	D. L. Blankenship	E. L. Frey

### DELEGATES

Joseph Briley	Mrs. Joseph Briley	Stella Elders
Lillie Brown	Anna Reed	Anna Mikel
Mae Hale	Maud Peterson	Ethel Easton
Nellie Peterson	Melba White	Irene Mayberry
Vera Blevins	Ethel Lackey	George Hamblen
J. F. Mikel	Mrs. Lina Claxton	Mrs Charles Huey
G. A. Brown	F. I. Marbut	Herman Finn
Mrs. John Wuerfele		Mrs. E. T. House

Mrs. Ollie Higginbothan

# ASSOCIATIONS

## And Ministers Belonging to This Association

### CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

William Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Milo Stanley, Couch, Mo.
James McGhee,       "       "	Naith Combs,       "       "
T. J. Dunkin,       "       "	H. C. Crase, Myrtle, "
W. C. Norman,       "       "	W. M. Johnson, Alton, "
W. C. McGhee,       "       "	W. P. Stogsdill,       "       "
T. G. Rutledge,       "       "	Elmer Hodges,       "       "
J. R. Harbison,       "       "	W. C. Williams, Myrtle, Mo.
E. E. Winfree, Mammoth Springs, Ark.	
J. P. McCullough, Clerk, Alton, Mo.	

### SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

Ed Womack, Flat River, Mo.	C. Wood, Fredericktown, Mo.
F. M. Robinson,       "       "	V. Simmons,       "       "
P. B. Hildebrand,       "       "	John Maze,       "       "
Bart Wright,       "       "	J. L. Yancey,       "       "
Lizzie McAdams,       "       "	Mike Cleaver, Mill Creek, "
H. M. McAdams,       "       "	John Flanery, Doe Run,       "
L. N. Beard, Bismark,       "	C. Canterbury, Knoblick, "
S. M. King, Faro,       "	F. A. Semino, Detroit, Mich.
W. C. Hill, 1026 S. 8th St., St. Louis,       Mo.	
P. S. Cox, 1844, S. 11th St., St. Louis,       Mo.	
Edward Hilliar, 4301 N. Broadway, St. Louis,       "	
J. W. Francis, 1511 N. 15th St.       "       "	
N. Gamblin, 1505 Hickory St.,       "       "	
J. F. Miller, Fredericktown,       "	
R. T. Langley, 611 A. Rutger St., St. Louis,       "	
J. M. Henderson, Mill Creek,       "	
S. M. Ferguson, River Mines,       "	
Ora Mae McKinney Davis, 4301 N. Br'd'y, St. Louis, Mo.	
O. B. Womack, Clerk, Farmington, Mo.	

### NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

E. T. House, Santa Rosa, Mo.	W. B. Fadley Weatherby Mo.
G. W. Hensley, Gr City,       "	J. W. Stephenson, St. Joe,       "
Miss Melba White, Clerk, Hemple, Mo.	

## CENTRAL WESTERN MO. and SOUTHEASTERN Ks. ASS'N

W. H. York, Hannon, Mo. T. C. Ferguson, Ash Crove, Mo.  
Bascom Cassatt, Liberal, „ W. H. York, LaFountain, Kans.  
J.T. Williams, Greenfield, „ C. W. Mayfield, Chetopa, „  
P.B. Barker, Warrensb'g, „ Wm McGovern, Kansas City, „  
B. F. Brown, Clerk, Tecumseh, Okla.

## INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. S. A. Mayfield, Carterville, Mo.  
Winford, Davis, „ „ G. A. Garner, Stella, „  
J. A. Posy, Treece' Kans. A. M. Walgamott, Wheaton, „  
G. W. Foust, Galena „ E. Hendrickson, Granby, „  
R. Hollars, Blue Eye, Mo. W. B. Tipton, Cardin, Okla.  
E. Casteel, ——— „ Wes Martin, Douthat, „  
Merl Roberson, Purdy „ Myrtle Ferguson, Ash Grove, Mo.  
B. Clark, Motor Route A, Box 340, Joplin, Mo.  
Henry Finnemore, (licensed) Springfield, „  
Ira Moore, Anderson, „  
T. E. L. Curry, 427 Main St., Pitcher, Okla.  
Emma Henderson, Clerk, Purdy, Missouri.

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

C E. Mann, Greentop, Mo. C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.  
George Miller, „ „ W. D. McFarland, Livonia, „  
J. F. Duckworth, Hazel Park, Mich.  
Bessie Fowler, Clerk, R 4, Greentop. Missouri.

## NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo. W. N. Sutton; Long Lane Mo.  
W. M. Phillips. Lebanon, „ G. W. Sturdevant, „ „  
J. H. Robinson. „ „ Emel Burton, „ „  
H. S. Lee, Long Lane, „ C.A. Hefton, Phillipsburg, „  
Willie Jones, Conway, „ Lee Spain, Springfield, „  
Elmer Palmer, Branch, „ J. P. Highfill, „ „  
Arthur Bailey, Plad, „ Theo Clark, Buffalo, „  
O. B. Lane, Tulsa, Okla. Ray Scrivner, „ „  
N. J. Brashears, Lindsay, Calif.  
W. F. Millard, Clerk, Buffalo, Mo.

### UNION ASSOCIATION

T. B. Marler, Inola,	Mo.	J. H. Towel, Springfield,	Mo.
A. J. Barnett, Norwood,	"	Omer Rose,	"
C. S. Cartwright,	"	W. E. George,	"
O. C. Keller, Norwood,	"	T. K. Hall,	"
Clarence Ussery,	"	J. H. Lowery,	"
Neal Moore,	"	A. J. Kelsey, Hartville	"
Ben Owens,	"	J. E. Burney,	"
B. S. Moody,	"	B. H. Williams,	"
L. T. Koch, Huggins	"	D. R. Royster,	"
John Ratterree,	"	Arthur Rich, Macomb,	"
J. G. Koch, Bucyrus,	"	L. M. Marler, Ava,	"
J. W. Silvey, Seymour,	"	W. N. Coffman, Mt. Grove,	"
J. H. Claxton,	"	G. W. Scott, Sr.,	"
O. L. Claxton,	"	J. F. Marler, Cedar Gap,	"
E. Carpenter,	"	O. T. Allred, Monett,	"
Jeff Postalwait, Graff,	"	N. E. Snider, Huggins,	"
G. W. Scott, Jr.,	"	H. M. Cope, Lebanon,	"
A. L. Halford, Brushyknob,	"	C. W. Edwards, Competition	"
J. T. Holcomb, Marshf'd,	"	Frank Butram, Gr. Spring,	"
Selph Jones, Mansfield,	"	J. F. McCall, Norwood,	"
E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Missouri.			

### LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

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## 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 the 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 conferences, public worship, and the observances 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 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, 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.



## FREE WILL 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 the 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 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 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 of faith 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 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 water of life freely.

12. Perserverance. 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 employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. War. War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

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."

## Constitution

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

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

3. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an 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 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 Baptist; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extensions, to secure, hold, use and convey 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 the Moderator nor his Assistant are present, then the senior min-

ister 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 officers shall be in order.

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

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 official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

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## **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 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 may 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.