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MINUTES

OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH
Jones Chapel Church, near Stella, Missouri, beginning on Monday night, October 15, 1934.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in October, 1935.

The Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder Selph Jones, Elder Winford Davis alternate.

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Moderator,	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Selph Jones,	Ass't Moderator,	Mansfield, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis,	Clerk-Treasurer,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. Noel Turner,	Ass't Clerk,	Aurora, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dea. M. H. White,	Plattsburg, Mo.,	Term expires 1939
Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.,	Term expires 1938
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.,	Term expires 1937
Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.,	Mt'n Grove, Mo.,	Term expires 1936
Eld. Harry Beatty,	Thayer, Mo.,	Term expires 1935

MISSION SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Mission met in its Annual Session Monday night, October 15, 1934, with Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist church, in Newton County, Missouri.

After a splendid devotional service conducted by Eld. W. K. Weston, pastor of Jones Chapel church, Eld. Lizzie McAdams preached the introductory sermon, using for her text, Luke 10:37.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a. m. by State President, Lizzie McAdams.

Devotional led by Miss Anna Reed was very inspiring. Scripture lesson read from Gospel of St. John 4:1-42.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Splendid reports from field workers read and approved.

Election of Officers

President Rev. Miss Melba White
Vice President Mrs. Eunice Miller
Sec.-Treasurer Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin

Motion made and properly sustained that the Mission pay their share on State minutes.

Motion made and properly sustained that the State Mission Board make an investigation as to how many "Mission song books" each association would need.

Motion made and properly sustained to give Sister McAdams \$10.00.

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin was elected to preach the introductory sermon for next State Mission Association when convened with the Free Will Baptist of Flat River, Mo., of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist. Elder Winford Davis alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Rev. Miss Melba White, President,

Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, Secretary.

Financial Report of the Missouri State Mission

From October 14, 1933 to October 14, 1934

Balance on hand October 14, 1934.....	\$10.73
Received during the year	26.61
Total receipts	\$37.34
Disbursements	26.61
Balance on hand	\$10.73

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
1934 SESSION OF MISSOURI LEAGUE ASSOCIATION

The Missouri State League Association of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with Jones Chapel church, October 16, 1934, and were called to order by the State President, Eld. Winford Davis.

Song service conducted by Elder Noel Turner.

Prayer by Elder Jim Miller.

All leaguers present were assembled in one group of seats under the tabernacle.

Scripture reading 2 Timothy, second chapter.

League reports were called for, and the following reported: Indian Creek, Southeast Missouri, Northeast Missouri, Union Association, . Northwest Missouri was represented by Sisters Melba White and Anna Ellis.

Reports of field workers were called for at this time.

Elders Winford Davis and O. T. Allred submitted their reports, which were accepted.

Eld. Wm. Reeves, Vice Presidest, gave a verbal report, which was accepted.

Sister Esther Peterson of Northeast Missouri gave her report as field worker of that Association.

Minutes of last year's session read and approved.

All league workers were invited to seats in counsel.

The present staff of officers were unanimously elected for another year.

Damon Dodd of Flat River was elected member of Executive Board for three years, 1934 to 1937.

Motion carried to give president right to appoint field workers for each association.

Motion carried to select Eld. O. T. Allred to preach the League message at eleven o'clock on Tuesday of our next State Association, Eld. Winford Davis to be his alternate.

Motion carried to refer proposed change in the League Constitution back to the local leagues, this to be voted on at next State Association.

Motion carried that leagues pay their part of printing the State minutes.

After this business had been transacted, some very interesting numbers and talks were given:

1. Reading Monte Peterson.
 2. Talk Eld. Jim Miller.
 3. Reading Darline Baker.
 4. Reading Annabel Buchanan.
 6. Reading Virginia Turner.
 6. Song Eld. Winford Davis
 7. Song, "Shake Hands With Mother Again"
Eld. Winford Davis
 8. Song Richard and Sarah Marie Talbott.
 9. Song Elane and Annabelle Buchanan
- Talks by Elders Sam Marcum, Winford Davis and W. K. Weston.

Thirty-six (36) League delegates registered.

Adjourned by repeating the League Benediction.

O. T. Allred, State Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

After the Mission and League sessions on Monday night and Tuesday, the Missouri State Association convened Tuesday night with the Jones Chapel church, near Stella, Missouri.

Opened with song service led by Eld. Noel Turner
Devotional led by the moderator, Eld. J. F. Miller.

Opening prayer by Eld. C. E. Mann.

Some special song numbers were rendered, after which the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Homer Smith. Text, Hebrews 3:1. He delivered a most wonderful sermon which was greatly enjoyed.

A handshake of fellowship was engaged in the close of the service and God's Holy Spirit was wonderfully manifested.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller. Opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. E. T. House. Scripture reading, 13th chapter of Romans, by Moderator. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown.

Letters were read, received and delegates seated from the following Associations and Yearly Meeting: Indian Creek Association, Northwest Missouri Association, Cave Spring Association, Northeast Missouri Association, Union Association, Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.
Ass't Moderator, Eld. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Ass't Clerk, Eld. Noel Turner, Aurora, Mo.
Executive Board member for five years, Deacon M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.

State Statistician, Eld. Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.
All visitors were invited to seats in council.

Appointment of Committees

Pulpit—Brothers M. H. White, Oral Buchanan, Arthur Forshee, Cecil Campbell and E. N. Crippen.

S. H. Marcum, E. T. House, Everett Wilson, Tommie Franklin, Melba White.

Temperance—Sisters Anna Reed, Daisy Marcum, Mildred Baker and Brothers W. K. Weston and O. T. Allred.

Location—Brothers John Peterson, Stanley Baker and Sisters Lizzie Shipman, Pansy Jones and Mary Wade.

Sunday School—Ora Gates, Anna Reed, Charles Landreth, Esta Ellis, M. H. White, E. W. Ellis, Arvilla Fultz and G. C. Lewis.

Leonard Morriss, Mrs. Leonard Morriss, Albert Morriss and wife of Bentonville, Ark. were seated as corresponding messengers from Old Mt. Zion Association in Ark.

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At 11:00 o'clock, after a good song service, and some special numbers, the stand was filled by Elder C. E. Mann of Queen City, Mo. Text, Zeph. 3:9, "I will turn to the people a pure language." A wonderful soul stirring message was delivered, and enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Ass't Moderator, Eld. Selph Jones. Opened by singing. Scripture reading by Moderator, 1 Tim. 4th chapter. Prayer by Eld. Ocie Allen.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of State Evangelist, Eld. G. W. Scott Sr., read and approved.

On account rain making so much noise on the tabernacle, business was suspended and the Association enrollment was taken care of, and a number of special songs were rendered.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Evening service opened at 6:45 by singing led by Eld. Kenneth Turner. Prayer was offered, and the quilt proposition of the Aurora church was explained and the quilt was displayed. Praise service was conducted by the Moderator, followed by a quartet number, after which the stand was filled by Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo. Text, "We are ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20). A great message was delivered and enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Opened by singing, prayer and Scripture reading, Psalm 1; by the Moderator.

Committee reports were called for, and Business Committee made partial report, reporting four items.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 2.

Motion carried that we give the recommendation to the Executive Board of Union Association, as asked for in resolution No. 3 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to recommend that all churches and associations belonging to the Missouri State Association adhere to the Treatise adopted in 1927, with reference to Letter of Dismissal.

Motion carried to adopt resolution No. 4.

Motion carried to give Eld. C. E. Mann a standing vote of thanks for his having preserved the records of the first session of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mt'n Grove, Mo. Just before the sermon Bro. Scott's children sang a special song entitled, "He Bore It All." Bro. Scott's text was Matt. 8:20. A powerful sermon was delivered and the Holy Spirit was greatly manifested among His children.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Opened by singing. Prayer by Eld. Selph Jones.

By-Laws read by Moderator.

Motion carried to receive resolution No. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried that the matter of a permanent meeting place be left in the hands of the Executive Board, asking them to draft some plan and present same to the local associations, and bring the matter to the State meeting next year to be voted upon.

Motion carried to receive financial report of State Treas.

At this time \$36.75 was made up to finish paying the linotype debt, after which the pulpit committee chose

Eld. E. T. House of Maysville, Mo. to bring us a message. Bro. House brought a wonderful message on the subject of prayer; ably concluded by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Missouri.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The evening service was opened by singing and prayer. Several special numbers were rendered, after which the quilt from the Aurora church was shown and presented to their former pastor, Eld. Noel Turner.

Eld. B. F. Brown presented to the large audience the needs of the Free Will Baptist Gem and a large number of subscriptions was received.

Judge Emory E. Smith was introduced to the audience and made a splendid talk, which was much appreciated. The service was closed with a short sermon by Eld. Winford Davis. Text, "Where there is no vision the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18).

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Opened with singing. Scripture reading, 17th chapter of St. John, by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. E. T. House.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Location, which was that the next session of this Association be held with Flat River church, Flat River, Mo.

Eld. Selph Jones was elected to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. Winford Davis alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin.

Motion carried that the State Moderator, Clerk and Statistician assist the editor in forming the blanks for the statistical reports.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a statistician in each local association, where the appointment has not already been made. Appointments as follows:

Central Western Missouri	Boyd Thornton
Southeast Missouri	O. B. Womack
Northwest Missouri	Melba White
Niangua and Laclede County, Eld. and Mrs. Cecil Horner	
Indian Creek	Eld. John Swaffar
Cave Spring	Mrs. Harry Beatty
Union	Arthur Lund
Northeast Missouri	Alberta Novinger

Motion carried that resolution No. 7 of Business Committee be adopted, which was a resolution of thanks to Junge Baking Co. of Joplin for their kindness to the State meeting in furnishing the bread.

Motion carried that we extend our thanks to the Dyer Brothers store in Stella for their generous help.

Motion carried to receive resolution No. 8 of Business Committee, which was a vote of thanks to Jones Chapel church and community.

At this time Eld. Winford Davis gave a report of the action of the Co-operative Executive Board while in session with the General Conference of Free Will Baptist at Jakin, Ga. in June, 1934. Then the matter of the merger of the Co-operative General Association and the General Conference was duly discussed.

Motion carried to retain the delegates appointed last year to represent the Missouri State Association at the regular Triennial Session of the Co-operative General Association to be held in Denison, Texas, November 6 to 9, 1934, instructing them to vote for the retaining of the Co-operative General Association and an Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptist, separate and apart for the organization of a national body composed of the two bodies as units.

The delegates were as follows:

Southeast Missouri	Anna Reed and Eunice Miller
Union	Eld. Selph Jones
Northeast Missouri	Eld. S. H. Marcum
Indian Creek	Eld. Everett Wilson
Laclede County	Eld. W. F. Millard
Niangua	Eld. Arthur Bailey
Central Western Missouri	Deacon L. C. Wade
Northwest Missouri	Eld. E. T. House
Cave Spring	Eld. Harry Beatty

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened with singing and prayer, some special numbers also were rendered. Eld. Noel Turner read the Scripture lesson, after which the stand was filled by Eld. Everett Wilson of Emporia, Kansas. Text, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). A powerful message was delivered and immensely enjoyed by all present, and the Spirit of the Lord was greatly manifested.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Ass't Moderator, Eld. Selph Jones. Opened by singing. Prayer by Eld. Roena Thomas. Scripture reading, Isaiah 53rd chapter, by Ass't Moderator.

At this time Eld. C. E. Mann of Queen City, Mo. gave a very interesting talk concerning the merger, which was also further discussed.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention, and that we admire the enthusiasm on Sunday school work in Southeast Missouri, and appreciate this report.

Motion carried to declare the office of Deacon J. P. McCullough on the Executive Board vacant and proceed to elect a member in his place. Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo. was elected for one year to fill out time.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to the Moderator, Ass't Moderator, Clerk and Ass't Clerk for their faithful service.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Monday night following the second Sunday in October, 1935, with the Flat River church, Flat River, Missouri.

Dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

At 7:00 o'clock p. m. the service was opened by congregational singing, and prayer. Several special numbers were rendered by different ones, after which the stand was filled by Elders Tommie Franklin of Desloge, Mo. and Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. Both delivered soul-stirring messages on the subject of the Second Coming of Christ, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Service closed with a general handshake.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller	Moderator,	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis,	Clerk-Treas.,	Monett, Mo.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business or Resolutions—No. 1..... We recommend, That this Association take steps at this time to publish Sunday School and League Literature.

No. 2. We recommend, That the note of \$125.00 to the Francois County Quarterly Meeting on the press and given by in the name of Elders B. F. Brown and Winford Davis be taken up, and a note given by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, and signed by the Executive Board be given in its place.

No. 3. Resolved, That the Missouri State Association condemn the action of Union Association and the Wright County Quarterly Meeting in justifying and sanctioning the granting of letters of recommendation without limit of time, as specified by the Treatise, and that the Missouri State Association endorse the action of the four members of the Executive Board of Union Association that stood for the Treatise.

No. 4. Inasmuch as the minutes of the first State meeting have been in the hands of our first clerk (C. E. Mann) since the organization of the State Meeting therefore

Be it Resolved, That we ask for the copy of the same to be placed in the hands of the present clerk and recorded in the clerk's records. Signed, C. E. Mann.

No. 5. Resolved, That this body take steps for the establishment of a permanent central location, procure a parcel of land and build a tabernacle for holding our Annual State Conference.

No. 6. Resolved, That this body approve the ordaining of women to the Gospel ministry.

No. 7. Resolved, That we, the Jones Chapel church, the community, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, and the brethren from Kansas, Arkansas, Oklahoma numbering approximately 600 people, together with visiting friends from other religious bodies, feel to express our sincere thanks to August Junge of Joplin, Mo. for the kindness and generosity shown by him in the terms made by him in furnishing bread for the entire session of this, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, which convened with Jones Chapel church, near Stella, Mo., October 15 to 20, 1934.

No. 8. Resolved, That we, the State Association of Free Will Baptist, extend to Jones Chapel church and community, and surrounding communities our heart-felt thanks for their hospitality, spirit of brotherly love, and the pleasant manner in which they have entertained the Association and visiting brethren.

Committee { C. E. Mann,
E. T. House,
Everett Wilson,
O. L. Allen,
Tommie Franklin,
Melba White,
Sam Marcum.

Temperance—We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to report as follows:

We recommend that we strictly adhere to the teaching of the Bible on the subject of temperance, that we educate our young people and children, and teach them about the evil effects of alcohol on the human body, through the home, the pulpit, the Sunday school, and the press.

We recommend that we discourage the use of tobacco in any form among our Free Will Baptist people, and especially among our ministers. Also that our pastors continue to preach against all the outstanding evils of our day, such as the picture show, immodest dress, the road house, and the dance.

Committee { Anna Reed,
Daisy Marcum,
O. T. Allred,
W. K. Weston,
Mildred Baker.

Evangelistic and Mission Report

To the Missouri State Association, while in session at Jones Chapel church, Greetings in Jesus' name:

With thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, we submit the following report:

Sermons preached, 407; temperance lectures, two; Foreign Mission lectures, three; conversions, 182; baptized, 27; members received, 52; new missions organized, four; Sunday schools, two; money received from lectures, \$11.35; total money received, \$261.00; tithes and offerings given, \$35.40.

H. M. and Lizzie McAdams.

Location—We, your Committee on Location, beg to submit the following:

Inasmuch as we have received only the one request for the next session of our Association, we recommend that our State Association meet with the Flat River Free Will Baptist church, at Flat River, Missouri in 1935.

John Peterson, Chairman.

Report of Eld. G. W. Scott, Sr., State Evangelist

Sermons preached, 90, witnessed 35 conversions, ordained nine preachers, licensed three preachers, baptized two, traveled 1204 miles, money received, \$37.50.

Many places I can't get to for lack of money. I don't think I can be with you, but my prayers are with you.

Report of S. S. Convention of F. W. B. of S. E. Missouri.

Leadington, Mo., Sept. 15, 1934.

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, when met in annual session, Greetings in Jesus' name:

As Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist in S. E. Missouri, I hereby submit my annual statistical report of Sunday schools in this district.

This report covers the work from September 1, 1933 to September 1, 1934, and includes the following schools:

Flat River, Leadington, Desloge, Wortham, Alsbury Chapel, and St. Louis, also includes reports from Mine La Motte, Fredericktown, Mill Creek, Twin Oak, which Sunday schools only sent in reports from September 1, 1933 to March 1, 1934. These schools once belonged to our Convention, but withdrew during the summer and formed a convention of their own, and make their reports to the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting. So they are not a part of this convention. However there are several items in their church reports that give some of their statistics which are included in my annual report to our

State Statistician. The report is as follows:

Condition of Sunday schools	Good
No. of classes	58
No. of teachers	58
Teachers and officers	99
Total attendance	25,926
Total enrollment	1,165
Conversions attributed to Sunday schools	28
Total Cradle Roll	122
Total Bible readings	109,024
Amount of offerings	\$317.64
Amount of disbursements	\$285.04

Balance on hand	\$ 32.60
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Superintendents

Flat River—Willard Lackey
 Leadington—Chas. Lund
 Desloge—Anna Reed
 Alsbury Chapel—Paul Smith
 Wortham—Mrs. Jarvis
 St. Louis—Claud Lincoln

Ass't Superintendents

Ed. Sirelum
 O. B. Womack
 Marion Brown
 Willie Patterson
 M. A. Hughes
 None given

Secretaries

Flat River—Junetia Pinkley
 Leadington—Violet Kennedy
 Desloge—Ruby Woods
 Wortham—Mrs. Abbie Hughes
 St. Louis—Mrs. Claud Grey
 Alsbury Chapel—Verna Pinkston

Treasurers

Ruth La Brot
 Lizzie Dalton
 Helen Ruth Forshee
 Mrs. Jarvis
 None reported
 Verna Pinkston

Financial Report of Convention

On hand October 29, 1933	\$2.01
Amount of offerings	8.26
Total amount received	\$10.27
Disbursements	\$7.90
Balance	\$2.37

Convention Officers

Arthur Forshee, President, Desloge, Mo.
 Raymond La Brot, Vice President, Flat River, Mo.
 O. B. Womack, Sec'y-Treas., Leadington, Mo.
 Reported by O. B. Womack, Sec.

State Treasurer's Report

Following is my financial report for the past year.

From October 10, 1933 to October 18, 1934:

Amount received on linotype fund	\$364.60
Amount paid on linotype	352.60

Balance in treasury in linotype fund	12.00
Amount received on linotype insurance	\$22.50
Amount paid on linotype insurance	22.50
Am't brot forward from last year in budget fund,	\$13.50
Amount received for budget fund	58.15

Total amount received for budget fund	\$71.65
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Paid out from budget fund:

For State minutes	\$22.59
For Clerk's wages	5.00
For envelopes	1.63
For ribbon to make badges	2.00
For printing badges and programs	4.19

Total amount paid out of budget fund	\$35.41
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Balance in treasury in budget fund	\$36.24
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Amount received for minute fund:

Cave Spring Association	\$130
Niangua Association	1.00
Earl Talbott of Hannon, Mo.	5.00
Northwest Missouri Association	1.00

Total amount received for minute fund	\$8.30
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Paid on State minutes	\$7.30
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Balance in treasury in minute fund	1.00
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Rec'd from State Mission for Old Ministers' fund, \$2.50.

Total amount received on all funds	\$469.55
Total amount paid out, all funds,	417.81

Total balance in treasury	\$51.74
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Winford Davis, Clerk-Treasurer.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers Present

Jas. F. Miller	Flat River, Mo.
Lizzie McAdams	Midway, Texas
B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.
Tommie Franklin	Desloge, Mo.
Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
E. T. House	Maysville, Mo.
Selph Jones	Mansfield, Mo.
John Swaffar	Purdy, Mo.
W. K. Weston	Monett, Mo.
J. L. Branstetter	Springfield, Mo.
C. D. Findley	Mansfield, Mo.
George Scott, Jr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
O. C. Keller	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Homer Smith	Norwood, Mo.
Elda Crain	Miami, Okla.
Lester Judd	Picher, Okla.
Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.
John B. Rollins	Eldridge, Mo.
L. J. Gearing	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Cecil Campbell	Stella, Mo.
Sherman Harris	Stark City, Mo.
O. L. Allen	Mountain Grove, Mo.
William Reeves	Leadington, Mo.
Everett Wilson	216 W. Copeley Ave. Emporia, Ks.
Roena Thomas	R3, Arcadia, Ks.
C. E. Mann	Queen City, Mo.
F. E. Crain	Miami, Okla.
John W. Oxley	Cabool, Mo.
D. R. Royster	Hartville, Mo.
Sam Marcum	Greentop, Mo.
Noel Turner	Aurora, Mo.
Kenneth Turner	Granby, Mo.
O. T. Allred	Monett, Mo.
Merl Wright	Exeter, Mo.

Licensed Ministers Enrolled

R. B. Parker	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Damon Dodd	Flat River, Mo.
Ruby Starnes	Cassville, Mo.
Zelda Young	Mansfield, Mo.
Lotta Farmer	Monett, Mo.
Zora Lonberg	Verona, Mo.

Herbert Vandivort	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Virgil Starnes	Monett, Mo.
Ralph Weaver	Cassville, Mo.
A. C. Kirk	Treece, Ks.
Charles Fredrick	Monett, Mo.
Melba White	Plattsburg, Mo.
Boyd Thornton	Arcadia, Kans.
Fred Lonberg	Verona, Mo.

Ministers' Wives Enrolled

Mrs. Hattie Judd	Picher, Okla.
Mrs. Sherman Harris	Stark City, Mo.
Mrs. Everett Wilson	Emporia, Ks.
Mrs. W. K. Weston	Monett, Mo.
Mrs. Jas. F. Miller	Flat River, Mo.
Mrs. Kenneth Turner	Granby, Mo.
Mrs. B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.
Mrs. Sam Marcum	Greentop, Mo.
Mrs. Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.
Mrs. Ralph Weaver	Cassville, Mo.
Mrs. O. T. Allred	Monett, Mo.
Mrs. D. S. Jones	Mansfield, Mo.

Visting Ministers Present

George W. Blair	Springfield, Mo.
Harry Cowles	Kirksville, Mo.
W. F. Goodnight	Monett, Mo.
I. C. Allen	Neosho, Mo.

Deacons Enrolled

J. E. Turner	R2, Granby, Mo.
G. C. Lewis	Liberal, Mo.
C. E. Wilkerson	Flat River, Mo.
Stanley Baker	Easton, Mo.
Charles C. Landreth	Cardin, Okla.
L. D. Fletcher	Norwood, Mo.
S. A. Davis	Monett, Mo.
Lee Clark	Alton, Mo.
Jim Botkin	Cartersville, Mo.
Bryan Novinger	Stahl, Mo.
Estey Ellis	Cabool, Mo.
Ross Thomas	Arcadia, Ks.
Herman Fowler	Stewartsville, Mo.
Orla Hadley	Easton, Mo.

Jesse Odneal	Treece, Ks.
L. J. Tyler	Gower, Mo.
Arthur Forshee	Desloge, Mo.
M. H. White	Plattsburg, Mo.
O. A. Gates	Stahl, Mo.
John Peterson	Greentop, Mo.

Delegates Enrolled

Lizzie Shipman	Green Forest, Ark.
Mrs. Myrtle Alyea	Monett, Mo.
Mrs. M. H. White	Plattsburg, Mo.
A. V. Duffield	Neosho, Mo.
Ethel Newcomer	Greentop, Mo.
Miss Mary Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Adam Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Miss Esther Apple	Aurora, Mo.
Mrs. Lola Landreth	Cardin, Okla.
Mrs. Arthur Forshee	Desloge, Mo.
Mrs. G. C. Lewis	Liberal, Mo.
Arvilla Fultz	Blue Eye, Mo.
Mrs. O. A. Gates	Stahl, Mo.
Mrs. Verna Wilbaum	Greentop, Mo.
Goldie Kellerman	Flat River, Mo.
Everett Ellis	Easton, Mo.
Mildred Wilkerson	Flat River, Mo.
Mrs. Lent Johnson	Carthage, Mo.
Mrs. Grace Lollar	Picher, Okla.
Mrs. Lizzie Turner	Stella, Mo.
Melvina Huey	Flat River, Mo.
Zelien Gearing	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Mrs. M. E. Henderson	Stella, Mo.
Mrs. Jennie Wright	Flat River, Mo.
C. E. Pierce	Aurora, Mo.
Mrs. S. A. Davis	Monett, Mo.
Mrs. Mildred Baker	Easton, Mo.
W. M. Alexander	Greentop, Mo.
Arthur Lund	Mansfield, Mo.
Vard Ivie	Centralia, Okla.
Miss Daisy Scott	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Miss Ellen Gearing	Mountain Grove, Mo.
R. B. Parker	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Zora Lonberg	Verona, Mo.
Miss Lucy Deckard	Hartville, Mo.
Milford House	Plattsburg, Mo.

T. F. Lewis Freeman, Mo.
 Anna Buchanan Greentop, Mo.
 Helen Ruth Forshee Desloge, Mo.
 Mrs. Anna Ellis Easton, Mo.
 Oral Buchanan Greentop, Mo.
 Retha Carter Neosho, Mo.
 Mrs. Belle Hawkins Cartersville, Mo.
 E. N. Crippen Mansfield, Mo.
 Anna Reed Desloge, Mo.
 R. G. Beatty Thayer, Mo.
 Mrs. Eddie Wilkerson Flat River, Mo.
 Mrs. G. E. Wade Liberal, Mo.
 Odelia Rice Bonne Terre, Mo.
 Mrs. Jennie Eaton Stella, Mo.

Visitors

Mrs. Harry Cowles Kirksville, Mo.
 Mrs. D. M. E. Coop Neosho, Mo.
 D. M. E. Coop Neosho, Mo.
 Mrs. E. E. Tucker Aurora, Mo.
 J. A. Starnes Cassville, Mo.
 Mrs. J. M. Speaks Stella, Mo.
 J. M. Speaks Stella, Mo.
 Ina Garren Stella, Mo.
 Una Marrior Stella, Mo.
 Velma Tichenor Fairview, Mo.
 Ozell Tichenor Fairview, Mo.
 Mrs. W. P. Davis Stark City, Mo.
 Mrs. M. L. Lewis Stella, Mo.
 Louise Buchanan Greentop, Mo.
 Elaine Buchanan Greentop, Mo.
 Lois Weston Exeter, Mo.
 Opal Weston Exeter, Mo.
 Lloyd Barnett Fairview, Mo.
 Charley Edmondson Stella, Mo.
 Mrs. Charley Edmondson Stella, Mo.

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to this Association

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W. H. York, Hannon, Mo. Edith Mayfield, R1, Iantha, Mo.
 J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. W. W. Ireland, ElDorado Spr'gs.
 T. L. York, Lafontaine, Ks. Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kans.

LICENTIATES

Arlie Hoover, Liberal, Mo. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans.

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L. M. Marler, Ava, Mo.	John Ratterree, Huggins, Mo.
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Henry Higby, Mt. Grove, Mo.	Ben Owens, Norwood, Mo.
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J. T. Halcomb, Marshfield, Mo.	Geo. Higby, Mt. Grove, Mo.
Arthur Rich, Macomb, Mo.	C. J. Joy, Cabool, Mo.
H. M. Cope, Dry Knob, Mo.	H. G. Barr, Cabool, Mo.
E. Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.	J. G. Koch, Bucyrus, Mo.
F. Butram, Grove Spring, Mo.	C. M. Dauber, Greentop, Mo.
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 Lucy Deckard

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H. C. Crase, Sandlick, Ky.	Elzie Simpson, R3, Alton, Mo.
J. R. W. Harbison, Myrtle, Mo.	W. P. Stogdill, Myrtle, Mo.
J. M. McGhee, Myrtle, Mo.	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.
Milo Stanley, Couch, Mo.	E. E. Winfree, R1, Couch, Mo.
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Will Wright, Thayer, Mo.

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Lester Judd, Treece, Kans.	B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.	Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
J. B. Rollins, Eldridge, Mo.	Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.
John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo.	T. E. L. Curry, Picher, Okla.
F. E. Crain, Miami, Okla.	George Foust, Galena, Kans.
Elda Crain, Miami, Okla.	Will Tipton, Topeka, Kans.
L. W. Martin, Stella, Mo.	Paul Pursell, Chetopa, Kans.
O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
Bee Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo.
Noel Turner, Aurora, Mo.	Sherman Harris, Stark City, Mo.
A. M. Walgamott, Ritchie, Mo.	G. A. Garner, Stark City, Mo.
Everett Wilson, Emporia, Ks.	Joseph Brooks, Cassville, Mo.
Callie Wilson, Anderson, Mo.	E. Hendrickson, Granby, Mo.
Noel Turner, Clerk, Aurora, Mo.	

LICENTIATES

Virgil Starnes, Monett, Mo.	Cynthia Henderson, Purdy, Mo.
Fred Lonberg, Verona, Mo.	Zora Lonberg, Verona, Mo.
Lotta Farmer, Monett, Mo.	Luther Black, Cassville, Mo.
C. R. Dick, Cassville, Mo.	Ruby Starnes, Cassville, Mo.
Edna Buntin, Cassville, Mo.	Bert Hall, Cassville, Mo.
Chas. Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	Ralph Weaver, Cassville, Mo.
Mae Phillips, Monett, Mo.	J. D. Cooper, Pierce City, Mo.
Eddie Jones, Monett, Mo.	Otis M. Johnson, Crane, Mo.
Veta Garrett, Blue Eye, Mo.	A. C. Kirk, Treece, Kans.
Lizzie Shipman, Green Forest, Ark.	

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J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.	W. N. Sutton, Long Lane, Mo.
W. M. Phillips, Lebanon, Mo.	G. W. Sturdevant, Long Lane, Mo.
Elmer Palmer, Branch, Mo.	Ray Scrivener, Plad, Mo.
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.	N. J. Brachear, Lindsay, Calif.
E. N. Delcore, St. George, Mo.	J. P. Highfill, Ozark, Mo.
Cecil Horner, Niangua, Mo.	Wm. Fincher, Phillipsburg, Mo.

LICENTIATES

Warren Moffitt, Urbana, Mo. Warren Franklin, Buffalo, Mo.

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C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo. S. H. Marcum, Greentop, Mo.
Geo. Miller, Kirksville, Mo.

J. F. Duckworth, 1724 Pearl St., Ferndale, Mich.

John A. Ewing (Licensed), Greentop, M.

Miss Bessie Fowler, Clerk, Greentop, Mo., R4

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

H.M. McAdams, Flat River, Mo.	P. S. Cox, St. Louis Mo.
W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.	J. L. Yancy, Fredericktown, Mo.
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.
Oda Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.	S. M. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
J. L. Newburn, St. Louis, Mo.	L. A. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
Sam King, Faro, Mo.	C. E. Wood, Fredericktown, Mo.
J. M. Henderson, Zion, Mo.	C. Canterbury, Knoblick, Mo.
L. N. Beard, Bismarck, Mo.	M. M. Lewis, Fredericktown, Mo.
S. V. Simmons, Salem, Mo.	S. A. Hand, Mine La Motte, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Farmington, Mo.	J. D. Flannery, Farmington, Mo.
Lizzie McAdams, Desloge, Mo.	Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

C. Waterman, Des Moines, Iowa	R. W. Bingham, Dry Knob, Mo.
W. W. Butts, Critendon, Mo.	L. Milligan, Competition, Mo.
C. A. McAllister, Oakland, Mo.	Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.
C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon, Mo.	Ray Jones, Lebanon, Mo.
J. R. Reid, Abo, Mo.	S. N. Reid, Abo, Mo.
Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	W. M. Scheets, Agnes, Mo.
A. T. Chambers, Agnes, Mo.	C. T. Neece, Racket, Mo.
T. J. Peterson, Oakland, Mo.	L. H. Jones, Falcon, Mo.
B. Massie, Agnes, Mo.	D. O. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.

Elder W. F. Millard, Clerk, Lebanon, Mo., R5.

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 up-building of the Free Will Baptist churches of Missouri, and for the salvation of souls.

3. This Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates, elected by the bodies holding membership in this body.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, who shall be Treasurer and shall superintend the printing of the minutes at \$5.00 per annum, and shall 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, and one for five years, and at the expiration 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 occurs 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 Extension, 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 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 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 delegates 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 official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

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 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 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 the 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 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. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the 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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1933 TO JULY 1, 1934.

ASSOCIATIONS

	Indian Creek	Union	Laclede County	C.W.Mo. S.E.Ks.	N. W. Missouri	N. E. Missouri	Niangua	S. E. Missouri	Cave Spring	Missouri State
Churches July 1, 1933	11	41	9	10	5	9	10	13	14	122
Churches reporting	11	32	8	8	5	7	9	10	14	104
Members July 1, 1933	832	1966	.....	493	295	322	528	1237	585	6258
New Churches rec'd....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Members received	105	145	91	68	52	17	90	184	43	795
Number baptized	65	119	88	54	35	20	54	76	35	546
Dismissed by letter	9	29	.....	2	3	4	5	8	8	68
Number excluded	30	59	4	1	.....	.....	6	25	.....	125
Number deceased	6	17	5	6	4	6	7	12	3	66
Resident members	666	1574	398	369	248	238	424	930	405	5252
Non resident members	226	432	149	183	92	91	176	446	113	1908
Churches July 1, 1934	11	40	9	9	6	7	10	13	14	119
Members July 1, 1934	892	2006	547	552	340	329	600	1376	518	7160
No. prayer meetings	11	9	3	5	1	5	6	9	5	54
Number Leagues	9	9	1	4	.....	5	1	7	.....	26
League membership	295	238	17	71	.....	75	56	343	.....	1095
No. Home Missions	8	4	1	1	4	6	1	4	.....	29
Home Mission members	170	44	12	35	74	128	13	68	.....	544
No. Sunday Schools	11	26	5	7	6	7	6	9	11	88
S. S. Enrollment	389	1108	250	339	164	136	400	2922	536	6244
Number of officers	42	99	14	44	18	41	43	61	43	382
Number of teachers	57	102	19	36	18	30	24	68	47	401
Am't paid pastors	\$890.03	1083.13	224.40	510.38	186.00	612.90	413.00	1174.66	189.62	5284.12
For evangelistic work	\$285.07	226.90	.....	205.71	135.60	105.93	43.12	165.49	.....	1167.82
For building and rep'r	\$222.25	13.75	14.00	13.00	33.00	98.00	8.50	328.20	8.00	798.70
For incidentals	\$133.05	62.02	5.00	137.84	35.00	83.63	49.00	464.30	.....	969.84
Value of Ch. property	\$10715.00	3300.00	2500.00	5220.00	10100.00	6800.00	4700.00	19350.00	4300.00	71985.00
For Foreign Missions	\$1.00	15.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.60	.....	20.75
For Home Missions	\$45.75	13.00	10.00	31.60	.....	39.11	1.00	69.80	.....	210.26
For Education .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.60	.....	23.60
For Publication	\$13.40	.....	74.00	6.00	1.00	.....	84.13	8.00	.....	186.53
Budget money paid	\$37.85	50.55	.....	5.65	1.40	3.12	.....	10.50	.....	109.07
Ordained ministers	27	35	16	8	5	3	12	23	17	146
Licensed ministers	16	11	.....	1	1	1	1	14	.....	45
Ordained deacons	25	90	21	26	19	23	23	38	28	293
Minute money paid ....	.....	.....	\$15.80	.....	.....	.....	\$13.05	\$20.35	.....	49.20

Tommie Franklin, Statistician Missouri State Association.

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

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

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

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

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

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 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.

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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday 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.