

*S. E. Leland*

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**

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**HELD WITH**  
Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River,  
Mo., beginning on Monday night, October 14, 1935.

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# STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1934 TO JULY 1, 1935

## ASSOCIATIONS

	Indian Creek	Union	Laclede County	C.W.Mo. S.E.Ks.	N. W. Missouri	N. E. Missouri		S. E. Missouri	Cave Spring	Missouri State
No. Churches July 1, '34	12	40	8	9	6	11	10	13	20	129
No. Churches reporting	11	33	6	8	4	10	8	12	18	110
Membership July 1, '34	892	2154	406	641	200	350	588	1285	601	7117
New Churches received	2	1			1	1				5
No. Churches disbanded	1									1
Churches with no pastor		1		2	2	2			2	9
Members received	78	226	26	19	3	34	52	34	64	536
Number baptized	45	147	26	30	3	20	38	12	47	368
Dismissed by letter	2	30	1	1		2	9	44	7	96
Number excluded	61	40	30				8		4	143
Number deceased	5	17	6	8	5		5	9	6	61
Resident members	657		243	395	122	275	442	888	553	3575
Non-resident members	220		152	256	76	107	176	433	95	1515
No. Churches July 1, '35	11	41	8	9	7	12	10	13	20	131
Membersip July 1, '35	902	2293	395	651	198	382	618	1321	648	7408
No. Prayer Meetings	10	16		3	2	3	6	9	5	54
Number of Leagues	8	6		4		2	1	8	3	32
League membership	314	214		83		45	30	345	45	976
No. Home Missions	8	1		2	3	7	1	5		27
Home Mission members	152	15		50	37	116	16	65		451
No. Sunday Schools	11	27	5	6	4	9	8	10	15	95
S. S. Enrollment	625	980	215	306	128	197	285	1093	651	4480
No. of Officers	38	99	19	34	18	32	29	40	45	354
No. of Teachers	54	106	18	30	13	33	30	63	59	406
Amount paid Pastors	\$964.88	\$1399.66	\$128.42	\$466.96	\$248.80	\$663.8	\$76.46	\$1030.73	\$344.71	\$5623.80
For evangelistic work	249.38	105.30	23.33	144.31		62.19	80.72	169.33	20.00	854.56
For build'g and repair	1076.43	267.39	18.62	126.86	10.00	96.94	214.24	609.20	192.51	2612.19
Amt. for incidentals	227.73	90.60		74.14	14.00	66.14	38.00	471.75	17.00	999.36
Value of Ch. Property	10612.00	13375.00	1500.00	4500.00	8000.00	8350.00	3950.00	19250.00	5500.00	75037.00
For Foreign Missions										
For Home Missions	94.28	30.00	9.00	27.14		50.83		270.74		481.99
Amt. for Education	34.00					5.00		110.00	28.00	177.00
Amt. for Publication	5.00	8.95	45.14	59.86			100.68	29.38		249.01
Budget money paid	44.10	15.20		10.40		3.10		10.13		82.93
Minute money paid	13.90	32.00	7.00	21.90	1.00		10.50	9.95	20.00	116.25
No. Ordained Ministers	33	53	18	5	5	4	9	23	19	169
No. Licensed Ministers	18	8	2	2	2		1	8	1	42
No. Ordained Deacons	29	110	15	24	11	21	22	38	35	305

Tommie Franklin, Statistician of Mo. State Association.

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**OFFICERS**

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

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Eld. C. M. Fauber, Greentop, Mo.,	Term expires 1940
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

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## HOME MISSION SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Home Mission met in its Annual Session on Monday night, October 14 and 15, 1935, with Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, at Flat River, Mo., in St. Francois County, Missouri.

After an inspiring devotional service led by Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin preached the introductory sermon. Text, John 4:35.

Tuesday morning, in the absence of our State President, Vice President, Mrs. Eunice Miller, presided over the meeting.

A splendid devotional service was led by the Vice President. Scripture lesson read from St. Luke, chapter 16, with Acts 9:36.

Special song, "You Never Mentioned Him to Me" by Eld. Winford Davis.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

State Secretary reported 27 missions with 451 members.

Sister White's field report: Organized two missions, visited 22 churches in the interest of Mission and League work, assisted in reorganizing one league, visited five associations and attended three fifth Sunday Mission meetings. I traveled about 1,959 miles, received \$15.70 from Mission coat, sent \$8.58 to State Treasurer, paid out for traveling expenses, \$22.00.

Delegates were seated. Following officers elected:  
President, Miss Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.  
Vice President, Mrs. Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.  
Sec'y-Treasurer, Miss Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.

Motion sustained that there be a committee appointed to draft blanks for Home Mission reports—Committee. Mrs. Eunice Miller, Tommie Franklin, Eld. Winford Davis.

Motion sustained to give \$5.00 for Foreign missions.

Motion sustained to give State Secretary a love offering of \$10.00.

Motion carried to give \$5.00 on State Ass'n expenses.

Motion carried to determine the number of delegates each Mission Association should be entitled to.

Motion carried that each Mission Association would be entitled to one delegate or two for each local mission.

Motion carried that a Mission committee be elected to meet with the women of the East in the National Asso-

ciation for the purpose of perfecting rules for our Women's work. Mrs. Eunice Miller, Tommie Franklin and Eld. Winford Davis were elected to serve as committee.

Two inspiring songs from our Mission song book were enjoyed at this time, led by Bro. Davis.

A love offering of \$10.00 was sent to our State President, \$2.50 for State work.

Eld. Winford Davis was elected to preach the Mission sermon at our next session, when convened at Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, Monday night, October 12, 1936. Eld. O. T. Allred alternate.

Song, "Where Hast Thou Gleaned Today?" by Sylvia Wood, Bernice Forshee, Goldie Kellerman and Mildred Wilkerson, which was very impressive.

#### Financial Report:

Amount on hand .....	\$10.73
Amount received .....	32.54

Total receipts .....	\$43.27
Expended .....	32.50

Balance on hand .....	\$10.77

Motion carried to adjourn.

## PROCEEDINGS

### OF THE

### 1935 SESSION OF MO. STATE LEAGUE ASS'N

The Missouri State League Association of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, October 15, 1935, Eld. Winford Davis presiding.

At eleven o'clock the introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. O. T. Allred. Subject, "Strength and Beauty."

After an enjoyable dinner, the league representatives came together at 1:30 p. m. in business session.

Meeting was called to order by State President, Eld. Winford Davis.

Scripture reading. Prayer by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Letters from League Associations were called for, and

the following responded with letter and delegates:

Northeast Missouri, Southeast Mo., and Indian Creek.  
The reports were received and delegates seated.

Reports of State officers and field workers called for.

Report of field worker, Monte Peterson, received and his resignation accepted, as his school work makes it impossible for him to serve in this capacity this year.

Verbal report of State President made and accepted.

Report of Vice President, Eld. Wm. Reeves, accepted.

Report of State Secretary, Eld. O. T. Allred, accepted.

### **Election of Officers**

President,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Vice President,	Eld. Wm. Reeves,	Flat River, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Member of Ex. Board,	three term,	Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Motion carried that President appoint field workers.

Unfinished business called for, and the proposed change in the Constitution was brought up.

Motion carried to leave Constitution just as it is now printed in the League Manual.

Under head of new business, motion carried to give \$5.00 out of League treasury for expense of State Ass'n.

Motion carried to grant our ministers who are members of a league and in good standing in the denomination a seat as standing delegates in League conference.

Motion carried to declare all presidents and secretaries of both associational and local leagues standing delegates.

Motion carried to have a slip printed and pasted in back of Manual, stating who are standing delegates.

Eld. Jim Miller was elected to preach the League message at next State Association, Eld. Cecil Campbell to be his alternate.

At this time a very interesting talk was given by Eld. B. F. Brown, urging leagues to report their work each month in the Gem.

The following program was then carried out:

Song ..... Flat River Quartet  
Song, "I Miss My Mother and Dad".....Marline Baker

Talks were given by Brothers Jim Miller, C. E. Mann, F. C. Zinn and Sam Gill.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

## PROCEEDINGS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-Second Annual Session with the Free Will Baptist Church in Flat River, Missouri, on Tuesday night, October 15, 1935.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Eld. Everett Wilson.

After a number of special songs were rendered by the Flat River Juniors, and others, and a rousing praise service conducted by the Moderator, the stand was filled by Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Missouri, the one previously chosen to bring the introductory message. Bro. Jones delivered an interesting message from Psalm 16:6. "Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary."

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 a. m.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Selph Jones.

Scripture reading, first chapter of 2 Peter, and prayer by the Moderator.

Special song by Darline Baker.

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

Visiting brethren invited to seats in council.

### Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't Moderator,	Eld. Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't Clerk,	Eld. Noel Turner,	Granby, Mo.
Member Ex. Board for five years,	Eld. C. M. Dauber.	
State Statistician,	Rev. Tommie Franklin,	Desloge, Mo.

Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Elders O. T. Allred, C. E. Mann, Kenneth Turner, Selph Jones and E. T. House.

Motion carried to suspend business to come together again at the call of the chair.



### WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The stand was filled at eleven o'clock by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Stella, Missouri, preceded by special numbers rendered by Brothers Jas. F. Miller, John Keeney, Selph Jones and Winford Davis. Bro Campbell delivered a soul-stirring message from 1 John 3:1. Subject, "Love."

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### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Selph Jones.

Scripture reading, Psalm 1, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Committees, as follows:

**Business or Resolutions**—Elders C. E. Mann, Everett Wilson, Cecil Campbell, E. T. House, Selph Jones.

**Divine Service**—Sisters Grace McCarty, Eunice Miller, Lizzie Shipman, and Brothers A. A. Elsea, John Keeney.

**Location**—Deacons J. E. Turner and Stanley Baker and Eld. S. H. Marcum.

**Sunday School**—Elders Tommie Franklin, Harry Beatty and Vernie Wellbaum.

**Publication and Education**—Brothers B. F. Brown, J. B. Rollins and Joe Dewese.

**Temperance**—Eld. F. C. Zinn, Sisters Daisy Marcum, Pearl Allred, Selph Jones and Charley Ricketts.

At this time \$66.60 was raised, which entirely liquidated the debts of Missouri State Association.

Business was suspended for committee work, to stand adjourned until Thursday morning.

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri. Text, Rev. 16:13. The Spirit of the Lord was wonderfully poured out upon His people. Preceding the message a number of special songs were rendered by the Flat River Juniors and others, which was greatly appreciated by all.

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### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, at 9:00 a. m.

Opened by singing led by Eld. S. A. Hand.

Scripture reading, Luke 17:1-10, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mt'n Grove, Mo.  
Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Education and Publication.

Motion carried to received report of Temperance Com.

Motion carried to adopt item one of Business Comm.

Motion carried to adopt item two of Business Comm.

Motion carried to suspend business to call of chair.

#### THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock, after a number of special songs, the stand was filled by Eld. Everett Willson of Denison, Texas. Subject, "Naming the Baby." A wonderful message was delivered and greatly appreciated by all.

An offering of \$31.47 was taken for Ass'n expenses.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Selph Jones.

Scripture reading, 4th chapter of Gal. by Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri.

Motion carried to reject item three of Business Com.

Motion carried that the next session of the Missouri State Association be held with Macedonia church, near Purdy, Mo., in Indian Creek Association.

Motion carried to receive report of S. S. Committee.

At this time the Association enrollment was taken.

Eld. Noel Turner of Granby, Missouri was elected to preach the introductory sermon at next Association, Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Missouri alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, Sister Tommie Franklin, and commend her for services.

Motion carried to adopt item 4 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to reject item 5 of Business Committee.

At this time \$8.01 was collected for State Statistician.

Motion carried to suspend business to call of chair.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

After a number of special songs were rendered, which were enjoyed by all, a splendid praise service was conducted by Sister Ruth La Brot, after which a powerful message was delivered by Eld. F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Mo., from the text, Ezek. 2:1, "Stand upon thy feet and I will speak unto thee."

## FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Selph Jones.

Prayer by Eld. C. E. Mann.

Scripture reading, Psalm 90, by the Moderator.

Special numbers rendered by Eld. Noel Turner and Lindell Rogers.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the financial report of the Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and commend the faithful editor and his wife for their untiring efforts in giving us the church paper.

Motion carried to give Eld. B. F. Brown the power to appoint Eld. F. C. Zinn as field worker in the interests of the paper and the State Enterprises, and that the State Association put their approval upon one appointed.

Motion carried to give the Moderator power to appoint a committee to submit an estimate of the needs of this State Association. Committee appointed as follows: Elders Winford Davis, B. F. Brown, Jas. F. Miller, Noel Turner and C. E. Mann.

Motion carried to suspend business to the call of chair.

## FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. Jas. F. Miller of Flat River, Missouri. Text, St. Mark 16:20, 'And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.' A wonderful sermon was delivered and the Spirit of the Lord was greatly manifested. Some special numbers preceded the sermon.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened with singing. A special number was rendered by John Keeney and S. A. Hand.

Scripture reading, Rom. 8:1-12, by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo.

Motion carried to receive report of Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention, and carry same in minutes.

Motion carried to suspend business to call of the chair, for a Covenant meeting.

At this time the Covenant was read and commented upon by the Moderator: and a most wonderful Covenant meeting was engaged in

A special song, 'Hold To God's Unchanging Hand,' was led by Eld. S. A. Hand.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator.  
Opened with singing and prayer.

The report of the Committee on State Needs was read and received, after which a motion carried to adjourn for one year.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Flat River church and community for their hospitality shown us while with them.

A number of special songs were rendered, which were followed by a message by Eld. W. C. Hill of St. Louis. A rousing message was delivered.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Moderator, Flat River, Mo.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas., Monett, Mo.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Publication and Education**—We, your Committee on Publication and Education, Recommend, That we pledge ourselves to the support of our denominational paper, the Free Will Baptist Gem, and earnestly appeal to all Free Will Baptist, that every one of them should do all in their power to put the Gem in every Free Will Baptist home, and in other homes.

We also recommend That all of our church auxiliaries use Free Will Baptist literature.

We further Recommend the publication and distribution of tracts of such character as will be helpful and instructive in the cultivation of strength and beauty to the people of our denomination.

Be it Resolved, That we, as a denomination, discourage the reading of such books, magazines and papers as are generally on sale at the usual news stand.

We recommend such schools as the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and the John Brown School of Siloam Springs, Ark. as proper schools for our young ministers.

We recommend local Bible schools of two or three weeks' instruction in the Bible conducted by some of our competent men.

Committee {B. F. Brown,  
              {John B. Rollins,  
              {Joe Deweese.

**Divine Service**—We, your Committee on Divine Service, report that we have chosen for divine services during this session of the Association as follows:

Wednesday at 11:00 o'clock .....Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Wednesday night ..... Eld. Winford Davis.

Thursday at 11:00 o'clock,.....Eld. Everett Wilson.

Thursday night, Eld. F. C. Zinn, with Sister Ruth La Brot leading the devotional service.

Friday at 11:00 o'clock ..... Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

Friday night, Eld. W. C. Hill, with Eld. Harry Beatty leading the devotional service.

Mrs. Gracie McCarty, Chairman.

**Location**—We, your Committee on Location, recommend that the next regular session of this Association be held with our Macedonia church, near Purdy, Missouri, in Indian Creek Association.

Committee { J. E. Turner,  
Stanley Baker,  
Sam H. Marcum.

**Business or Resolutions**—We, your Committee on Business, beg to submit the following:

**Resolution No. 1**—Inasmuch as the linotype fund has been cared for, Be it therefore, Resolved, That we take into consideration the purchasing from Bro. Brown his interest in the Gem publishing house.

Be it further Resolved, That this delegated body carry back to their Associations the above recommendation for their consideration and approval, and that their consideration and approval, and that we take steps at the next session of the Missouri State Association for the purchase from Bro. Brown of his interest.

**Res. No. 2**—Inasmuch as our Association is growing to such proportions as to become a financial burden on the communities in which it is held, we recommend that a charge of 15 cents per meal be charged all visitors.

**Res. No. 3**—We recommend that this body emphasize the great need of funds to pay incidental expenses of this Association, and that they zealously contend for the co-operation of the various churches with the Budget System as contained in Res. No. 2, in the report of the business committee, printed in 1930 minute and adopted by this Association.

## Sunday School—Report not found..

**Temperance**—We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that we strictly adhere to the teaching of the Bible on the subject of Temperance: that we educate our young people, and teach them in our homes, in our churches, in our Sunday schools, and in the press against the evil effects of strong drinks, in any form.

We recommend that we encourage the reading of Christian literature in our public schools.

We, the committee, recommend that we, as Free Will Baptist, discourage the use of tobacco in any form, and especially the smoking of cigarettes among our boys and girls: and also that our preachers continue to preach against all the outstanding evils of today, such as picture shows, the dance hall, the road house, and immodest dress.

We also recommend that our fathers and mothers encourage the reading of books and literature pertaining to the Bible; and also discourage the reading of literature that would tend to weaken the mind and moral character of our young people.

We further recommend that we, the Free Will Baptist, do not license or ordain any one to the Gospel ministry that uses tobacco in any form.

Committee	{ Eld. F. C. Zinn,
	{ Mrs. Selph Jones,
	{ Mrs. Daisy Marcum,
	{ Mrs. Pearl Allred,
	{ Mrs. C. W. Ricketts.

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

Leadington, Mo., Sept. 29, 1935.

To the State Association of Free Will Baptist when in session with Flat River church, Flat River, Mo, Greetings:

I hereby submit my annual statistical report of the Sunday school work done in our S. E. Missouri Sunday School Convention, which is composed of six schools: Flat River, Leadington, Desloge, Wortham, Ausberry Chapel and St. Louis. The report is as follows:

From Sept. 1, 1934 to Sept. 1, 1935

Total number of schools .....	6
Total number of superintendents .....	6
Total number of assistant superintendents .....	6
Total number of secretaries .....	6
Total number of treasurers .....	6
Total number of classes .....	65
Total number of officers and teachers .....	105
Total attendance .....	20414
Total enrollment .....	1444
Condition of Sunday schools .....	Good
Total saved, contributed to Sunday schools .....	3
Total number in Cradle Rolls .....	216
Total Bible chapters read .....	50,770
Total amount of offerings .....	\$481.27
Total disbursements .....	\$390.04
Total balance on hand .....	\$91.23

Also in connection with this report I wish to give you some statistics as reported to the S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptist when in session with Park View church at Desloge, Mo., Sept. 5 and 6, 1935.

These statistics are from the Madison County S. S. Convention of Free Will Baptist, which is composed of six schools, namely: Fredericktown, Mine La Motte, Old Bethel, Union Light, Twin Oak, and a school known as a Christian school.

They report interest in the work as very good.

Total membership July 1, 1935 ..... 398

They have held five conventions, also they have a Sunday School evangelist.

This group of Sunday schools once belonged to S. E. Missouri S. S. Convention, but withdrew to form a convention of their own.

Their work is reported to the S. E. Missouri Yearly Meeting each year.

In conclusion, with this report, I wish to say that our own work in the S. S. is very good as you will notice by the statistics.

May the Lord bless the Association this year.

O. B. Womach, Sec'y-Treas.

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

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We, the Executive Board of Missouri State Association, wish to report on the following work left in our hands for the past year:

We were asked to sign the \$125.00 note to the St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting (instead of Elders B. F. Brown and Winford Davis); but it was decided to wait for the return of solicitation cards, which were sent out. As funds came in the debt was paid.

We also made an appeal through the Gem for suggestions in regard to securing a permanent place for holding our State meetings. We received only one suggestion, and that was to divide the State work, which we did not deem wise to do.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Chairman,  
Eld. O. T. Allred, Clerk.

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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT of the FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM (Oct. 1, 1934 to Oct. 1, 1935)

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Income from all sources .....	\$897.36
Expenses .....	\$524.66
Personal (Living, clothes, etc., .....	277.78
Tithe .....	36.12
Total amount paid out .....	\$838.56
Cash balance .....	\$58.80

Expenses include paper, ink, repairs, supplies, electricity, insurance, etc.

Personal includes all we spend for groceries, clothes, fuel, Dr. bills, medicine, and personal needs.

B. F. Brown, Editor.

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### State Treasurer's Report

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Following is my report from Oct. 18, 1934 to Oct. 15, 1935:

#### Linotype Fund

Amount brought forward .....	\$12.00
Amount received .....	105.75



Amount paid on linotype .....	\$45.10	
Amount for mailing cards .....	2.50	
Total amount paid out .....		\$117.75

#### Budget Fund

Amount brought forward .....	\$36.24	
Received from Verdella church .....	2.45	
Rec'd from J. E. and Lina Claxton...	.20	
Rec'd from Indian Creek Ass'n.....	25.40	
Rec'd from S. E. Mo. Yearly Meeting	5.10	
Rec'd from Sublett church.....	1.00	
Total receipts .....		\$70.39
Amount paid for clerk hire .....	\$5.00	
Interest on note to St. Francois Q. M.,	7.50	
Minutes of Co-operative Ass'n .....	5.00	
State minutes .....	36.74	
Linotype insurance .....	2.50	
Ribbon for badges, and printing.....	3.52	
Total amount paid out .....		\$60.26
Balance in treasury for Budget fund.....		\$10.13

#### Minute Fund

Brought forward .....	\$1.00	
Rec'd from Mrs. Ida Ball.....	1.00	
" from Mrs. M. A. Earl .....	1.00	
" from Verna G. Edson .....	1.00	
" " J. O. Parker .....	1.00	
" " Mrs. H. A. Wallis.....	2.00	
" " Elzona Smith .....	1.00	
" " State League workers .....	2.60	
" " State Mission workers.....	1.60	
Total receipts .....		\$12.20
Paid on State minutes .....	\$11.20	
Postage on mailing State minutes.....	1.00	
Total disbursements .....		\$12.20

#### Linotype Insurance Fund

Amount received .....	\$23.50	
Paid for insurance on linotype .....	\$23.50	
Bal. in treasury for Old Ministers' Fund.....	\$2.50	
Total amount brot over from last year, all funds,	\$51.74	
Total amount rec'd during year, all funds.....	\$174.60	
Total amount paid out during year, all funds....	\$213.71	
Total balance in treasury, all funds.....		\$12.63

Winford Davis, Treasurer.

## ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

### Ordained Ministers Present

J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	S. D. Harris, Stark City, Mo.
J. B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.
S. A. Hand, R1, Piedmont, Mo.	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Flat River, Mo.	C. M. Dauber, Greentop, Mo.
Noel Turner, Granby, Mo.	Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Bee Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
C. E. Mann, Stahl, Mo.	J. L. Yancy, Fredericktown, Mo.
Oda Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.	G. W. Scott, Jr., Mt. Grove, Mo.
Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo.	Claud J. Smith, Macomb, Mo.
Levi Koch, Bucyrus, Mo.	Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
John Long, Flat River, Mo.	B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.
W. C. Hill, .....	1020 Hickory St., St. Louis, Mo.
J. L. Newbern .....	1813 Lynch St., St. Louis, Mo.
Samuel Gill .....	1225 So. 6th St., St. Louis, Mo.
Everett Wilson .....	1110 So. Lamar Ave., Denison, Texas.

### Licensed Ministers Enrolled

B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.	Vernie Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
A. E. Gully, Creve Coeur, Mo.	Ruth La Brot, Flat River, Mo.
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
Virgil Starnes, Monett, Mo.	Eugene Carpenter, Verona, Mo.
C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.	J. S. Carpenter, Monett, Mo.
Art Kirk, Treece, Kans.	Fred Lonberg, R2, Verona, Mo.
John Johnston .....	210 DeKalb St., St. Louis, Mo.

### Ministers' Wives Enrolled

Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo.	Mrs. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.	Mrs. Jim Carpenter, Monett, Mo.
Lena Harris, Stark City, Mo.	Margarette Wilson, Denison, Tex.
Jewell Turner, Granby, Mo.	Lizzie Hill, St. Louis, Mo.
Lucille Beatty, Thayer, Mo.	Vada Reeves, Flat River, Mo.
May Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.	Mabel Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
Edith Marbut, Monett, Mo.	Mattie Gully, Creve Coeur, Mo.
Belva Zinn, Purdy, Mo.	Elaine Turner, Greentop, Mo.
	Jewell Campbell, Stella, Mo.

### Deacons Enrolled

J. E. Turner, Granby, Mo.	A. Wampler, Mine La Motte, Mo.
J. P. Odneal, Treece, Kans.	Vern Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo.	J. A. Botkin, Cartersville, Mo.
F. L. King, Myrtle, Mo.	Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.
Bert Elsea, Stahl, Mo.	Geo. Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.	J. F. Miller, Fredericktown, Mo.
W. E. Pirtle, Esther, Mo.	S. A. Davis, Monett, Mo.
John Keeny, Flat River, Mo.	Harrison Phillips, Esther, Mo.
Ed. Wilkerson, Flat River, Mo.	L. H. Elders, Bonne Terre, Mo.
J. B. La Brot, Mine La Motte, Mo.	Ray Pinkston, Bonne Terre, Mo.
Harley Harper, Flat River, Mo.	M. A. Henson, Farmington, Mo.

Allen Shaffer, Flat River, Mo.	Will Martin, Flat River, Mo.
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.	Chris Pirtle, Esther, Mo.
Walter Pirtle, Esther, Mo.	Jesse Jones, Elvins, Mo.
O. B. Womack, Leadington, Mo.	

### Delegates Enrolled

Lewis Moody, Mansfield, Mo.	Raymond Wells, Carterville, Mo.
Marion Black, Cassville, Mo.	Helen Strech, Carterville, Mo.
Lola Botkin, Carterville, Mo.	Raymond LaBrot, Flat River, Mo.
Mrs. R. Morris, Overland, Mo.	Mrs. Fred King, Myrtle, Mo.
Bessie Forte, Greentop, Mo.	Ethel Newcomer, Greentop, Mo.
Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo.	Maggie Turner, Granby, Mo.
Wm. Pirtle, Flat River, Mo.	J. A. Starnes, Cassville, Mo.
Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.	Lenna Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.
Nettie Davis, Monett, Mo.	Lizzie Shipman, Gr. Forest, Ark.
Martha Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.	Elzona Medlin, Monett, Mo.
Gertie Davis, Purdy, Mo.	Stella Elders, Bonne Terre, Mo.
Jessie Forrest, Desloge, Mo.	Myrtle Pinkston, Bonne Terre, Mo.
Opal Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.	Elizabeth Dalton, Leadington, Mo.
Otha Campbell, Stella, Mo.	Clarence Pierce, Aurora, Mo.
Glen McCarty, Chetopa, Kans.	Mrs. J. Williams, Fredericktown
Gracie McCarty, Chetopa, Ks.	David Homan, Stewartsville, Mo.
Helen Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Ruby Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Mildred Baker, Easton, Mo.	Blanche Rogers, Mine La Motte
Eld. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.	Julia Gammon, Flat River, Mo.
Grace Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Ina Elsea, Stahl, Mo.
M. A. Earl, Arcadia, Kans.	Mrs. M. A. Earl, Arcadia, Kans.
Fern Lewis, Liberal, Mo.	E. N. Crippen, Mansfield, Mo.
Lela Carpenter, Monett, Mo.	Elaine Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.
Albertus Riddle, Aurora, Mo.	Louise Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.
Chas. Lund, Leadington, Mo.	Arvilla Fultz, Blue Eye, Mo.
Merteen Deweese, Desloge, Mo.	Sophia Ackerson, Desloge, Mo.
Annie Ellis, Easton, Mo.	Mrs. Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.
Bernice Forshee, Desloge, Mo.	Evelyn Jefferson, Cassville, Mo.
Gertie Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	Mrs. H. Fowler, Stewartsville,

### Visitors

Opal Boyd, Carterville, Mo.	Naomi Matthews, Mine La Motte
Susie Ellis, Carterville, Mo.	Esther Broadhurst, Carterville,
Robert Morris, Overland, Mo.	Lena Johnson, Carterville, Mo.
G. E. Davis, Purdy, Mo.	O. D. Matthew, Mine La Motte,
C. H. Lamb, Stella, Mo.	Ralph Davis, Purdy, Mo.
Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.	Fern Campbell, Chetopa, Kans.
Elsie Piller, Chetopa, Kans.	Hazel Homan, Stewartsville, Mo.
Pauline Riddle, Aurora, Mo.	Dorothy Coffey, Stewartsville,
Martha Pierce, Aurora, Mo.	Mrs. John David, Bonne Terre,
Liberal Riddle, Aurora, Mo.	Mrs. Ed Mund, Bonne Terre,
Ada Smith, Marquand, Mo.	Ed. Mund, Bonne Terre, Mo.
Wilma Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Bernice Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
B. T. Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Mildred Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Jim Forte, Greentop, Mo.	Freda Mae Beaver, Stark City,

## ASSOCIATIONS

### And Ministers Belonging to this Association

#### NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

*Carried over from last year.*

W. M. Phillips, Lebanon, Mo.	G. W. Sturdevant, Long Lane, Mo.
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Elmer Palmer, Branch, Mo.	Ray Scrivner, Plad, Mo.
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.	N. J. Brashears, Lindsay, Calif.
J. P. Highfill, Ozark, Mo.	E. N. Delcore, St. George, Mo.
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Arthur Bailey, Clerk, Plad, Mo.	

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O. C. Keller, Mt. Grove, Mo.	A. J. Kelsey, Hartville, Mo.
D. S. Jones, Mansfield, Mo.	N. E. Snider, Huggins, Mo.
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W. E. George, Springfield, Mo.	A. M. Halford, Ava, Mo.
C. R. Harrison, Hartville, Mo.	J. W. Oxléy, Cabool, Mo.
John Ratterree, Huggins, Mo.	J. F. Marler, Seymour, Mo.
J. W. Marler, Ava, Mo.	T. B. Marler, Ava, Mo.
L. M. Marler, Ava, Mo.	J. L. Branstetter, Springf'ld, Mo.
L. T. Koch, Bucyrus, Mo.	Shelby Medlock, Drury, Mo.
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J. W. Housley, Mt. Grove, Mo.	B. S. Moody, Norwood, Mo.
C. D. Findley, Mansfield, Mo.	J. W. Moore, Grove Spring, Mo.
A. B. Brooks, Mt'n Grove, Mo.	E. E. Vestal, Grove Spring, Mo.
Neal Moore, Mt'n Grove, Mo.	Grover Cravens, Competition
Roy Pembroke, Bendavis, Mo.	E. N. Owens, Macomb, Mo.
C. E. Edwards, Compet'n, Mo.	Harry Johns, Seymour, Mo.
C. J. Joy, Cabool, Mo.	J. G. Koch, Bucyrus, Mo.
C. M. Dauber, Greentop, Mo.	Elias Matney, Squares, Mo.
W. L. McClanahan, Gr. Spring	O. Rose, Kansas City, Mo.
J. A. Jinks, Grove Spring, Mo.	M. H. Williams, Gr. Spring
J. T. Holcomb, Marshfield, Mo.	Arthur Rich, Macomb, Mo.
E. Carpenter, Seymour, Mo.	F. Butram, Grove Spring, Mo.

E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo., R3.

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W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.

Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo., R1.

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T. L. York, Lafontaine, Kans. Roena Thomas, R3, Arcadia, Ks.  
Arlie Hoover, R3, Arcadia, Ks. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans.

Boyd Thornton, Clerk, Arcadia, Kans., R3.

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John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo. A. M. Walgamott, Ritchie, Mo.  
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Joseph Brooks, Cassville, Mo. E. Hendrickson, Granby, Mo.  
Charley Fredrick, Monett, Mo. Ralph Weaver, Cassville, Mo.  
Sam Stafford, R2, Purdy, Mo. Bertha Stafford, R2, Purdy, Mo.  
Bert Hall, Cassville, Mo. Luther Black, Cassville, Mo.  
J. B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.  
C. R. Dick, Stockton, Mo. S. D. Harris, Stark City, Mo.  
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Roy Kelly, Monett, Mo. Cynthia Henderson, Purdy, Mo.  
Virgil Starnes, Cassville, Mo. Eddie Jones, Monett, Mo.  
Mae Phillips, Monett, Mo. J. D. Cooper, Pierce City, Mo.  
Mrytle Black, Cassville, Mo. Wm. Brooks, Wheaton, Mo.  
Fred Lonberg, Verona, Mo. Zona Lonberg, Verona, Mo.  
W. Harlan, Wheaton, Mo. Marguarite Timmons, Monett,  
Lucy Deckard, Monett, Mo. Claud Timmons, Monett, Mo.  
Delmer Cochran, Wheaton, Mo.

Eld. Noel Turner, Clerk, Granby, Mo.

## SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

L. N. Beard, Bismarck, Mo.	J. D. Flannery, Farmington, Mo.
Sam King, Mill Creek, Mo.	Vess Simmons, Mill Creek, Mo.
John Long, Flat River, Mo.	F. A. Simino, Detroit, Mich.
John Maze, Mill Creek, Mo.	Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.
H. M. McAdams, Midway, Tex.	Lizzie McAdams, Midway, Tex.
L. A. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.	S. A. Hand, R1, Piedmont, Mo.
Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.	Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown, Mo.
W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.	S. M. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
J. L. Newhern, St. Louis, Mo.	P. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.
Samuel Gill, St. Louis, Mo.	J. L. Yancy, Fredericktown, Mo.
Mark Lewis, Leadington, Mo.	Oda Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
J. M. Henderson, Zion, Mo.	C. E. Woods, Fredericktown, Mo.
L. A. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.	C. Canterberry, Knob Lick, Mo.

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Claud Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo.	Alvin Halbrook, Leading, Mo.
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo.	Ruth La Brot, Flat River, Mo.
John Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.	Albert Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
Alva Gulley, Creve Coeur, Mo.	Mrs. Marsha Miller, St. Louis.
Chas. Moyer, Address not known.	

O. B. Womack, Clerk, Leadington, Mo.

## LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

W. W. Butts, Stover, Mo.	C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon, Mo.
J. R. Reid, Abo, Mo.	Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.
A. T. Chambers, Agnes, Mo.	T. J. Peterson, Oakland, Mo.
Bland Massey, Agnes, Mo.	W. F. Millard, R5, Lebanon, Mo.
R. W. Bingham, Dry Knob, Mo.	Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.
Roy Jones, Kaiser, Mo.	S. N. Reid, Abo, Mo.
W. M. Scheets, Agnes, Mo.	L. H. Jones, Falcon, Mo.
D. O. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.	C. E. Butts, Climax Springs, Mo.
C. A. McAlister, Plato Route, Lebanon, Mo., Moderator	
Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Clerk, Falcon, Mo.	

## NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

Sam Marcum, Greentop, Mo.	C. M. Dauber, Greentop, Mo.
C. E. Mann, Stahl, Mo.	Vernie Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
J. F. Duckworth, Angel Camp, California.	
Bessie Fowler, Clerk, R2, Stahl, Mo.	

## CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

Elmer Hodges, R3, Alton, Mo. H. H. Beatty, R3, Thayer, Mo.  
N. Combs, R1, Couch, Mo. J. E. Rolen, R3, Thayer, Mo.  
E. E. Winfree, Hardy, Ark. C. H. Williams, R1, Myrtle, Mo.  
H. C. Crase, Polly, Ky. W. P. Stogsdill, R1, Alton, Mo.  
T. J. Dunkin, R1, Myrtle, Mo. C. A. Dodson, R2, Alton, Mo.  
C. R. Bryan, R1, Couch, Mo. E. E. Simpson, R2, Alton, Mo.  
Jas. McGhee, R1, Myrtle, Mo. Billie Rogers, R1, Myrtle, Mo.  
J. R. W. Harbison, Myrtle, Mo.  
J. S. L. Pentecost, R2, Koshkonong, Mo.  
Adrian Jenkins, Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.

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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 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.

## 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, 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 offices until their successors shall be elected; a Board of Trustees of five members whose term 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 or 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 his 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 del-



gates are seated, the election of officers shall be in order.

8. Any 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.

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## FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

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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."

## BY-LAWS

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

2. 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 or 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.