

G. W. Scott

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

HELD WITH

Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Monett
and Purdy, Missouri, beginning on Monday night,
October 12, 1936.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 19³⁵ TO JULY 1, 19³⁶

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
No. Churches July 1, 19 ³⁵	12	40	8	8	6	9	12	13	20	128
No. Churches reporting	10	33	7	6	4	10	10	13	17	110
Membership July 1, 19 ³⁵	795	2154	410	540	200	365	673	1386	621	7144
New Churches received		1			1	1				3
Number Churches disbanded										
Churches without pastors		1		3	2	1	2			9
Members received	84	226	14	2	3	38	93	37	53	550
Number baptized	60	147	9		3	37	23	18	38	335
Dismissed by letter	11	30	1	6		9	16	16	7	96
Number excluded	20	40	3				22	15	8	108
Number deceased	8	17	5	4	5	3	6	15	10	73
Resident members	630		273	341	122	262	500	991	542	3661
Non-resident members	210		142	191	76	129	222	386	123	1479
No. Churches July 1, 19 ³⁶	12	41	8	8	7	10	12	13	20	131
Membership July 1, 19 ³⁶	840	2293	415	532	198	391	722	1377	657	7425
Number Prayer Meetings	8	16	1	2	2	3	6	8	5	51
Number of Leagues	7	6		3		1	1	8	2	28
League membership	321	214		50		20	40	289	55	989
Number Home Missions	8	1		2	2	7	1	5		26
Home Mission membership	140	15		52	37	115	14	75		448
Number Sunday Schools	10	27	5	6	4	9	10	13	14	98
Sunday School Enrollment	482	980	166	373	128	325	370	1209	571	4604
Number of officers	44	99	13	38	18	40	31	53	43	379
Number of teachers	47	106	18	27	13	34	33	79	64	421
Amount paid pastors	\$870.37	\$1399.66	\$207.24	\$585.93	248.80	779.18	605.40	1604.41	369.81	6670.80
Amt. for evangelistic work	198.58	105.30	23.95	88.10		177.73	64.90	166.69	35.00	865.25
Amt. for build'g and repair	598.97	267.39		20.00	10.00	114.45	508.50	1239.54	80.40	2839.25
Amount for incidentals	188.13	90.60	15.00	218.76	14.00	20.00	80.83	409.62	12.75	1049.69
Value of Church property	10970.00	13375.00	2850.00	4800.00	8000.00	6050.00	3950.00	20550.00	6350.00	76895.00
Amt. for Foreign Missions	162.81			77.00		30.00		59.72		329.52
Amt. for Home Missions	43.23	30.00		8.38		49.02	5.00	195.86	5.25	336.74
Amount for Education				16.47				71.80		88.27
Amount for Publication	194.94	8.95	26.26				50.00	41.75	30.00	351.90
Amt. Budget money paid	34.40	15.20		11.45		5.15		7.40	1.10	74.70
Amt. Minute money paid	12.00	32.00	14.00	6.60	1.00	1.12	18.88	1.75	24.90	112.25
No. Ordained Ministers	21	53	18	6	5	5	11	25	15	159
No. Licensed Ministers	18	8	8	3	2	1		9	3	52
No. Ordained Deacons	21	110	16	22	11	24	29	43	33	309

Tommie Franklin, Statistician Missouri State Association.

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THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't Sec'y,	Eld. Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.,	Mt'n Grove, Mo.,	Term expires 1941
Eld. C. M. Dauber,	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

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. Jas. F. Miller	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
Eld. B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.
Eld. E. T. House	Goodson, Mo.
Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.	Mountain Grove, Mo.
Eld. Boyd Thornton	Arcadia, Kans.
Bro. John H. Peterson	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. J. F. Mikel	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. M. H. White	Plattsburg, Mo.

HOME MISSION SESSION PROCEEDINGS

On Monday night, October 12, 1936, the Missouri State Home Mission met in its Annual Session with Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, near Purdy and Monett, in Barry County, Missouri.

After an inspiring devotional service led by Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Eld. Winford Davis preached a wonderful Mission sermon. Text, Luke 14:23.

Tuesday morning, October 13th, the meeting was called to order by the President.

Song, "I Must Tell Jesus."

Prayer by Sister Wellbaum.

Scripture lesson read from 6th chapter of Isaiah.

Prayer by Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

Letters were read and approved and delegates seated.

Election of Officers

President,	Miss Melba White,	Plattsburg, Mo.
Vice President,	Mrs. Eunice Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Miss Tommie Franklin,	Desloge, Mo.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Motion carried that a committee be appointed to prepare a "Mission Manual" for our work. Committee appointed: Tommie Franklin, Eunice Miller, B. F. Brown, Winford Davis and Mary Wellbaum.

Financial report read and accepted.

Motion sustained to pay \$5.00 on expenses of Missouri State Association.

Motion sustained to send Eld. Thomas Willey (our Foreign Missionary) an offering. This offering, as to the amount, to be left to the Executive Board.

Motion sustained to give \$10.00 to our President.

At this time we enjoyed a rousing song service, while an offering of \$10.43 was taken for our state work.

Sister Mary Wellbaum was elected to preach the next Mission sermon when convened at Hannon, Mo., Sister Ruth La Brot alternate.

Motion sustained to give our Sec'y-Treas. \$2.50.

Motion sustained to discharge the committee that was elected to sit in conference with the women of the East at the National Association, for the purpose of helping to perfect rules for our women's work.

Motion carried to grant the request of Central Western Missouri Mission Association, and they became a member of the Missouri State Home Mission.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Financial Report from Oct. 14, 1935 to Oct. 14, 1936.

Amount on hand \$10.77

Amount received 37.10

Total receipts \$47.87

Expenditures 19.53

Balance on hand 28.34

—Tommie Franklin, Sec'y-Treas.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 1936 SESSION OF THE MO. STATE LEAGUE ASS'N

The Missouri State League Association of Free Will Baptist Leagues met with Macedonia church, near Purdy and Monett, Mo. October 13, 1936, with Eld. Winford Davis presiding.

Opened by singing, "Not Made With Hands," and "I Had Rather Be An Old Time Christian," led by Floyd Inmon, Eveline Jefferson pianist.

Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Jas. F. Miller. Lesson reading, 1 Chron. 29th chapter. Text. 1 Chron. 29:5, "Who then will consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

Special song, "Is Christ Crowded Out?" by Elder Winford Davis and Ralph Davis.

Recessed for the noon hour, at which time a real feast of temporal food was enjoyed.

Came together for afternoon session by singing.

Scripture reading, 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians.

Reports called for, and the following associations responded:

Indian Creek, Southeast Missouri and Northeast Mo. by letter and delegates.

Verbal report from Union Association.

Individual reports received from Independence League of Stockton, Mo. and Niangua League of Niangua, Mo.

Reports of field workers called for.

Sister Melba White gave verbal report of her work.

Report of State Secretary read and approved.

Greetings from the Moody Bible Institute were read by Eld. Jas. F. Miller and were greatly appreciated by all.

At this time a very inspirational talk was given by Eld. Monte Peterson a student of Moody Bible Institute.

A praise service was greatly enjoyed at this time, with many helpful testimonies and talks being given.

A number of League Manuals were sold at this time.

Election of Officers

President, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Vice President, Eld. Noel Turner, R2, Greentop, Mo.

Sec'y-Treas., Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.

Member of Ex. Board, Miss Mary Scott, Mt'n Grove, Mo.

Motion carried to grant president the power to appoint field workers.

Eld. W. K. Weston was elected to preach the Introductory sermon at next Association, Eld. Cecil Campbell alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Eld. Winford Davis, President,

Eld. O. T. Allred, Secretary-Treasurer.

PROCEEDINGS OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

TUESDAY NIGHT SESSION

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met in its Twenty-Third Annual Session Tuesday night, October 13, 1936, with the Macedonia Free Will Baptist church, near Purdy and Monett, Mo.

Meeting opened with singing and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. E. T. House.

Special songs by Mrs. Brittenham and Mrs. Caple, also by Mrs. Elaine Turner.

A wonderful introductory message was delivered by Eld. Noel Turner of Greentop, Mo. from Gal. 5:18.

After this a special number was rendered by Richard and Sara Marie Talbott, assisted by Eld. Winford Davis.

Dismissed with prayer to meet at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Scripture reading, 5th chapter of Eph., by Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

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

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. Jas. F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't Mod.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't Sec'y,	Eld. Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.

Member of Executive Board for term of five years
Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr., Mt'n Grove, Mo.

Sta. Statistician, Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.

At this time the Association badges were distributed.

Motion carried to delegate authority to the Moderator to appoint a Committee on Committees.

Committee appointed as follows: Elders E. T. House, B. F. Brown, C. M. Dauber, Ocie Allen, Clarence Ussery.

A special song was rendered by Lindel Rogers of Mine La Motte, Mo., which was greatly appreciated.

At this time an interesting and powerful message was given by Rev. W. T. Ward, Superintendent over 25 counties, representing the Anti-Saloon League. A freewill offering was taken for the Anti-Saloon League, which amounted to \$27.56.

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

A special song was rendered by Sara Marie Talbott of Hannon, Mo., after which a wonderful message was delivered by Eld. John B. Rollins of Purdy, Mo. Text, Psa. 14:1, "The fool hath said in his heart, 'There is no God.'"

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. John C. Swaffar.

Scripture lesson, 2nd chapter of 1 Peter, read by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Prayer by Eld. Miss Melba White.

At this time delegates were appointed to fill the place of delegates that were absent.

Motion carried to receive report of committee on Committees.

At this time the committees were dismissed to work on their reports, and a rousing praise service was conducted by Elder W. K. Weston.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1. of the business com

Motion carried to receive the report of committee on denominational enterprises pending discussion Thurs. morn

Motion carried to receive report of committee on temperance pending discussion Thurs. morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

During the intermission before the Wednesday evening service, the audience moved to the running water nearby where Eld. O. T. Allred administered the ordinance of baptism to William Agee.

At 6:45 p. m., the meeting opened by singing. A number of splendid special songs were rendered, a rousing praise service was conducted by Eld. O. T. Allred, after which a powerful message was delivered by Eld. F. C. Zinn of Pierce City, Mo. Text, Ezk. 36:11, "I will do better things unto thee than the beginning."

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Scripture lesson, 5th chapter of 1 John, by Moderator.

Prayer by Bro. Anthony Buchanan.

At this time other delegates were seated, after which the report of the Committee on Denominational Enterprises was duly discussed.

Item No. 1 of above stated committee report was referred to the Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Committee on Denominational Enterprises.

Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo. was elected State Secretary (of schools) to co-operate with the National Association in the establishing of a school.

THURSDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock, the service opened by singing.

A special quartet number was rendered, after which the stand was filled by Elders Ocie Allen of Mountain Grove, Mo. and Clarence Ussery of Lynchburg, Mo. Text, John 11:36, "Behold, how he loved him.

Both delivered soul-stirring messages of power.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing led by Floyd M. Inmon.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Scripture lesson, Psalms 125, 26 and 27, by Ass't Mod.

Prayer by Eld. Wm. Reeves.

At this time a special quartet number was rendered.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of Committee on Denominational Enterprises.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Business Committee, which recommend that a committee be appointed from this Association to work with the Executive Board of Niangua Association in the reinvestigation of the grievance which was brought to this body from said Association. Committee appointed as follows: Eld. Eli Burney, Eld. E. T. House and Eld. N. E. Snyder.

Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Mo., State Secretary of the National Educational program, gave a report of his findings on his recent trip to Weaverville, N. C., where our National representatives investigated some college property with a view of making a purchase of the same.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of Committee on Denominational Enterprises.

At this time the enrollment was taken.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of Business Comm.

Motion carried to receive report of Locating Committee which recommended that the next State Association be held with the Hannon church at Hannon, Barton County, Mo. Eld. S. H. Marcum of Greentop, Mo. to preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Mountain Grove, Mo. alternate.

During the intermission before the Thursday night service the audience moved to the running water nearby where Eld. Cecil Campbell administered the ordinance of baptism to Betty Louise Odneal.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

At 6:30 p. m. service was opened by singing led by Floyd M. Inmon. Several beautiful special numbers were rendered, after which a powerful message was delivered by Eld. Everett Wilson of Denison, Texas. Text, 1 Cor. 2:2.

The audience in attendance was estimated at 600.

An offering was taken by Eld. S. H. Marcum to help on the entertainment of the Association, which amounted to about \$66.00.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting opened by singing.

Scripture reading, 5th chapter of Gal., by Moderator.

Prayer by Eld. O. L. Allen.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to elect a State Secretary of Foreign Missions, as provided for in item one of the Foreign Mission report. Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri was elected.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of report on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to receive report of Executive Board.

Motion carried to adopt the Temperance report as a whole.

At this time a long letter from our Missionary, Rev. T. H. Willey, which was written from Cristobal, Panama, was read and highly appreciated, after which the audience was called to prayer in his behalf. Prayer was led by the Moderator. Following the prayer an offering was taken for Bro. Willey which amounted to \$14.50, while a special quartet number was being rendered.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock meeting opened by singing led by Floyd M. Inmon. Some inspiring special numbers were rendered, after which the stand was ably filled by Eld. S. H. Marcum of Greentop, Mo. He delivered a soul-stirring message from Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could." At the close of service one soul was saved.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened by singing led by Eld. Kenneth Turner.
Scripture lesson, 3 John 1-8, read by Eld. Noel Turner.
Prayer by Eld. Frank Linton.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of Business Comm.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Business Comm.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of Business Comm.

Motion carried that a letter of appreciation be written to the Junge Baking Co. of Joplin, Mo. signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

Motion carried to receive financial report of State Treas.

Motion carried to transfer the money from the State equipment fund, and from the fund for Old Ministers' Home to the Budget fund.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of the Committee on Denominational Enterprises.

Motion carried to give the Clerk-Treas. a donation of \$10.00 for postage.

Delegates to Western Association

Jewell Campbell, Belva Zinn, Eunice Miller, Mrs. Selph Jones, Maurine Campbell, Elaine Turner, Daisy Marcum, Alvin Halbrook, Albert Halbrook, Margerette Timmons, Richard Talbott, Mrs. Ocie Allen, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Matt White, Anna White, Will Pirtle, E. N. Crippen, Mrs. E. N. Crippen, Sylvia Wood, Margarette Wilson.

Motion carried that this delegation be empowered to fill vancancies in this delegation.

Motion carried that this Missouri State Association invite the next session of the Western Association to meet with the Missouri State Association at the Oak Grove church in Union Association.

At this time a letter of greeting was read from Elders H. M. and Lizzie McAdams who are engaged in a revival in Waco, Texas, and special prayer was offered for them and their revival, led by Eld. Selph Jones.

Motion carried to receive report of State field worker, Eld. F. C. Zinn, and to endorse him as State evangelist.

Motion carried to receive report of Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention, and to commend them for their wonderful work.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, and commend her for her faithful service.

At the recommendation of the Association, the ministers' wives volunteered to write letters of greeting to Mrs. T. H. Willey, wife of our Foreign Missionary.

Minutes were read and, with necessary amendments, were approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Hannon church, at Hannon, Barton County, Missouri, beginning on Monday night before the third Sunday in Oct., 1937.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Moderator,

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting opened with singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Macedonia church and the Indian Creek Association for the splendid entertainment, also for the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful service. Then, in return, a standing vote of thanks was given by the members of Macedonia church and the Indian Creek Association to all the visitors for their financial help, and to all who had any part in the entertainment of this Association.

A number of beautiful special songs were rendered.

Prayer was offered by Eld. W. K. Weston, after which a splendid message was delivered by Eld. Selph Jones of Mansfield, Missouri. Text, Psalms 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the Son of man, that thou visitest him?"

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Location—We, your Committee on Location, submit the following report:

We recommend that the next session of the Missouri State Association be held with the Central Western Mo. and Southern Kansas Association, at the Hannon church, at Hannon, Barton County, Missouri.

Committee	{	Eld. Melba White,
		" Cecil Campbell,
		" Tommie Franklin,
		" Sam Marcum,
		" L. J. Gearing,
		Dea. C. W. Ricketts.

Committee on Committees—We, your Committee on Committees, appoint and submit the following committees:

Divine Service—Winford Davis, M. H. White, Ora Gates, H. H. Vandivort, Edd Wilkerson.

Business or Resolutions—Elders O. T. Allred, E. T. House, Selph Jones, Damon Dodd, C. M. Dauber.

Denominational Enterprises—Elders B. F. Brown, J. G. Koch, Noel Turner, Boyd Thornton, Clarence Ussery.

Location—Melba White, Cecil Campbell, Tommie Franklin, Sam Marcum, C. W. Ricketts, L. J. Gearing.

Missions—Elders Jas. F. Miller, F. C. Zinn, Winford Davis, O. L. Allen, Richard Talbott.

Temperance—Sisters Eunice Miller, Lucy Deckard, Marzell Henderson, Ollie Watson, Daisy Marcum.

Committee	{	Eld. E. T. House,
		" B. F. Brown,
		" C. M. Dauber,
		" O. L. Allen,
		" Clarence Ussery.

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 teach our young people, beginning in the home, then in the Sunday schools and the churches, and in the press against the evil effects of alcoholic beverages.

We further recommend that we, as a Christian organization, vote against any person or persons known to us to be in sympathy in any way with the manufacture or sale of intoxicating beverages.

We further recommend that this organization go on record as opposing the use of narcotics, and teach our children and young people the great danger there is in using any drug that is habit forming.

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, dance halls, 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	{	Sister Eunice Miller,
		" Ollie Watson,
		" Lucy Deckard,
		" Marzelle Henderson,
		" Daisy Marcum.

Denominational Enterprises—We, your Committee on Denominational Enterprises, report and recommend as follows:

That steps be taken to raise the funds for the purchase of the balance of the machinery at the Gem office, also to provide a building to be used as a publishing house.

Inasmuch as our National Association has already voted to establish a school, and that a National Educational committee has been elected, which committee is trying with all the means at its disposal to establish a school, we recommend that this Association elect a Secretary-Treas. to co-operate with the National Associational committee in the establishment of a school.

We also recommend that all of our people give of their means for the support of the school.

We urge that all our people take the Free Will Baptist Gem, and do what they can to get it in every Free Will Baptist home.

Having been informed that the colored Free Will Baptist of St. Louis, Missouri would desire space in our paper to report their work, and in appreciation for same would give us 200 or more subscriptions; we therefore, recommend that our Publication Committee consider the matter with them.

We recommend that we co-operate with the Ayden Press as regards Sunday School and League literature, helping to make it better in every way we can.

Committee	{	Eld. B. F. Brown,
		" Clarence Ussery,
		" Noel Turner,
		" J. G. Koch,
		" Boyd Thornton.

Foreign Missions—We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, recommend that a State Secretary of Foreign Missions be elected, and that all funds turned in for Foreign Missions be sent to him, then go direct from the State Secretary to the National Sec. of Foreign Missions.

We recommend that each local association in the state perfect an organization in the interest of Foreign Mission work, and the plan we wish to suggest is as follows:

We recommend that a Mission Board be elected or appointed to visit the churches of our Quarterly Meetings, Yearly Meetings and Associations, to advise and encourage the support of the Missionaries who are on the field. Also to take offerings and pledges for foreign work. That these visits be made quarterly, also a message be brought on Missions, to arouse interest in Mission work. Each body to elect its own Mission Board.

We also recommend that Mission work be taught in Sunday school to create an interest with the children, and an offering be taken at stated times for the support of Missions, in the Sunday school.

Committee	{	Eld. Jas. F. Miller,
		" O. L. Allen,
		" Richard Talbott,
		" F. C. Zinn,
		" Winford Davis.

Business or Resolution—We, your Committee on Business and Resolutions, report as follows:

We, after investigating the grievance brought to this body by Eld. W. F. Millard against Laclede County Association, do hereby recommend that this body indorse the action of Laclede County Association.

Item No. 2—Whereas a grievance from Niangua Association has been appealed to this body; we recommend that the Moderator of this Missouri State Association appoint a committee of three members to work with the Executive Board of the Niangua Association in the re-investigation of the matter.

Item No. 3—Be it Resolved, That this Association raise a Publication Fund of \$5,000.00. Said fund to be raised by forming a stock company which shall issue 500 shares with a par value of \$10.00 each.

The money thus raised shall be used to purchase the balance of the machinery at the Gem office, provide a building to house our printing plant, and to provide whatever is needed that our publishing house may satisfactorily do its part in the work which our denomination should do.

Item No. 4—Whereas, by forming a stock company, the Association has voted to raise \$5,000.00 for the purpose of buying and housing the balance of the equipment of the Gem printing plant;

Be it Resolved, That this body either appoint a special committee for the management of this matter, or leave it with the Executive Board of the Missouri State Association, together with the Publication Committee, forming a joint committee.

Be it further Resolved, That no amount of this fund be spent until stock to the amount of \$2,500.00 be sold, and at no time shall the obligation be allowed to become greater than the amount of cash available.

Be it further Resolved, That in case the amount specified is not raised in a reasonable length of time, that the funds be returned to the original investors, each investor to receive a receipt specifying same.

Item No. 5—Owing to the fact that the Missouri State Association has grown to such proportions that its entertainment has become a burden;

Be it Resolved, That each church within the bounds of said Association make a special offering some time during the year to contribute to its support, and that each pastor see that each church makes such an offering.

Item No. 6—Be it Resolved, That this body give a vote of thanks to the Junge Baking Company for donation on Junge bread and crackers.

Also a vote of thanks to Macedonia church and community for the excellent entertainment.

Also a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful service.

Committee	{	Eld. O. T. Allred,
		" C. M. Dauber,
		" Damon C. Dodd,
		" E. T. House,
		" O. L. Allen,

Executive Board—We, the Executive Board of the Missouri State Association, report as follows:

As there has been no work that has required our calling a meeting of the board, we have not met during the year and have no work to report.

Eld. B. F. Brown, Chairman,
Eld. O. T. Alfred, Secretary.

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

I herewith submit my statistical report of work done in our Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist, from Sept. 1, 1935 to Sept. 1, 1936:

Total number of Sunday 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	86
Total number of teachers	86
Total number of officers and teachers	152
Total attendance	20,168
Total enrollment	1510
Condition of Sunday schools	Fair
Number saved attributed to S. S.	3
Number on Cradle Roll	136
Number Bible readings	37,689
Total offerings	\$538.70
Total disbursements	\$422.24
Balance on hand	\$58.70

This is as near a complete report of our work as has come to me. I am sorry to report some loss in attendance and in Bible readings, but a small gain in enrollment and in offerings, for which we are very thankful.

We sincerely covet your prayer, that the coming year will be fruitful in the cause of the Master.

I send sincere greetings in Jesus' name, and pray that the meeting this year will be for the advancement of our Lord's work in a greater way than ever before.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is my financial report for the year, beginning October 16, 1935 and ending October 16, 1936:

Budget Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$10.13
Amount received during past year	67.77
Total receipts	\$77.90
Paid out for statistical blanks	\$6.00
For State minutes	8.58
For Clerk hire, past two years	10.00
For Treas. bond for two years	10.00
For ribbon for badges	2.50
Total disbursements	\$37.08
Balance in Budget Fund	\$40.82

Minute Fund

Amount received during the past year	\$17.00
Paid to State Staistician	\$3.99
On State minutes	12.01
Total amount paid out	\$16.00
Balance in minute fund	1.00

Linotype Fund

Amount received during past year	\$63.10
Paid on note to St. Francois Co. Q. M.	\$63.10

State Equipment Fund

Amount received during past year	\$59.56
Paid for utensils	\$45.84
Balance in Equipment fund	\$13.72

Linotype Insurance Fund

Amount received during past year	\$13.10
Paid out for Linotype insurance	\$13.10

Old Ministers' Home Fund

Amount in treasury	\$2.50
Amount brought forward on all funds	\$12.63
Amount received on all funds	220.53
Amount paid out on all funds	175.12
Total balance in Treas. on all funds	\$58.04

Eld. Winford Davis, Sec y-Treas.

ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers

L. J. Gearing, Mt. Grove, Mo.	Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.
John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo.	John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.
W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.	Sam Marcum, Greentop, Mo.
J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.	Sam Stafford, Purdy, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.	Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown, Mo.
T. R. Clark, Buffalo, Mo.	Henry Higby, Yukon, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.	George Miller, Fredericktoyn, Mo.
G. W. Scott, Jr., Mt. Grove, Mo.	Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo.	Columbus Marbut, Monett, Mo.
Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.	B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	F. C. Zinn, Blue Eye, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.	Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.
Bertha Stafford, Purdy, Mo.	Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.
Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
E. T. House, Goodson, Mo.	O. L. Allen, Mt'n Grove, Mo.
C. M. Dauber, Stahl, Mo.	Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Lucy Deckard, Monett, Mo.	Everett Willson, Denison, Tex.
Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Ks.	Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.
W. F. Millard, Lebanon, Mo.	

Visiting Ministers

F. E. Crain, Miami, Okla.	Elda Crain, Miami, Okla.
C. A. Fly (Methodist), Verona, Mo.	

Licensed Ministers

Gene Carpenter, Verona, Mo.	Richard Talbott, Liberal, Mo.
Frank Linton, Stella, Mo.	Ruthe Garner, Liberal, Mo.

Ministers' Wives Enrolled

Gertie Henderson, Monett, Mo.	Jewel Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
Daisy Marcum, Greentop, Mo.	Mrs. Ira Marbut, Monett, Mo.
Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo.	Thelma Lewis, Leadington, Mo.
Ethel Miller, Frederickt'n, Mo.	Mrs. D. S. Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Mrs. W. B. Fredrick, Monett,	Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.
Belva Zinn, Pierce City, Mo.	Vada Reeves, Fredericktown
Edith Marbut, Monett, Mo.	Jewel Turner, Granby, Mo.
Grace I. Brown, Purdy, Mo.	Margaret Timmons, Monett, Mo.
Elaine Turner, Greentop, Mo.	Frances Weston, Monett, Mo.
Margaret Wilson, Denison, Texas.	

Visiting

Mrs. C. A. Fly, Monett, Mo.	Mrs. H. B. Fly, Monett, Mo.
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Ordained Deacons

E. E. Eagle, Monett, Mo.	J. E. Turner, Granby, Mo.
O. A. Gates, Stahl, Mo.	J. A. Botkins, Carterville, Mo.
Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.	R. Allen Shaffer, Flat River, Mo.
S. A. Keeling, Purdy, Mo.	Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo.

C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo. Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
 S. A. Davis, Monett, Mo. L. M. Hayhurst, Gr. Forest, Ark.
 M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo. C. E. Wilkerson, Flat River, Mo.
 G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo. H. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
 P. R. Henderson, Purdy, Mo. J. B. Jefferson, Cassville, Mo.

Delegates

Mildred Wilkerson,	Esther Apple,	Thelma Matthews,
Mrs. Chloe Gates,	Albert Halbrook,	Mrs. Emma Thomas,
Mrs. Martha Ricketts,	Mrs. Zola Truskett,	Tom Lewis,
Mrs. Edna Thornton,	June Hamby,	Mrs. Anna Thomas,
Miss Albertus Riddle,	Frank Hamby,	Miss Willa Campbell,
Miss Lola Anna Brown,	W. H. Lewallen,	Mrs. Edna Gentry,
Mrs. Mary Wiley,	A. L. Wiley,	Gloria Jones,
Mrs. David Homan,	Mrs. Anna Metzger,	Mrs. Mildred Baker,
Jim Allen,	Mrs. Milford House,	Milford House,
Mrs. Dorothy Coffey,	Mrs. Gussie Hamlen,	Mrs. Tom Lewis,
Mrs. Hope Eaton,	Mrs. Willard Lackey,	David Homan,
Miss Otha Campbell,	Miss Frances Dean,	Mrs. Hattie Pirtle,
Mrs. M. H. White,	Miss Wava House,	Miss Adeline Coffey,
Pauline Henderson,	Mrs. Gertie Davis,	Rena Davis,
Cassie Kelsey,	Anthony Buchanan,	Jesse Forest,
Ethel Newcomer,	C. B. Dees,	Mrs. C. B. Dees,
Isabelle Henderson,	Mrs. E. W. Ellis,	E. W. Ellis,
Daisy Scott,	Agnes Scott,	Susie Forshee,
Goldie Atchley,	Everett Atchley,	Hazel Bell,
Nadine Whistance,	Alvin Halbrook,	Mrs. Ed Wilkerson,
Mrs. Helen Schaffer,	Miss Elsie Piller,	Mrs. Nettie Davis,
Mrs. Byron Keeling,	Adeline Coffey,	Mrs. Earl Rogers,
Rachel Whitehead,	Maggie Turner,	Mrs. Alta Jefferson,
Marion Elack,	Lizzie Filkins,	Mrs. Goldie Elsea,
Oral Buchanan,	Anna Buchanan,	Louise Buchanan,
Ollie Watson,	Odelia Rice,	Minnie Bowen,
Mrs. E. N. Crippen,	E. N. Crippen,	H. H. Vandivort,
Sylvia Wood,	Rosa Medley,	Louise Miller,
Ruby Lee Reeves,	Sarah Marie Talbott,	Emma Henderson,
Ruth Henderson,	Byron Keeling,	Pearl Simmons.

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to this Association

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo. Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.
 Warren Franklin, Buffalo, Mo. W.N. Sutton, Long Lane, Mo.
 G. W. Sturdevant, Long Lane, Mo. Wm. Phillips, Lebanon, Mo.
 Wm. Fincher, Phillipsburg, Mo. L. A. Sapp, Branch, Mo.
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 Eld. Arthur Bailey, Clerk, Plad, Mo.

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B. F. Henderson,	Monett, Mo.	C. R. Dick,	Stockton, Mo.
Columbus Marbut,	Monett, Mo.	Luther Black,	Cassville, Mo.
Kenneth Turner,	Granby, Mo.	Lucy Deckard,	Monett, Mo.
F. C. Zinn,	Pierce City, Mo.	Merl Wright,	Exeter, Mo.
Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.	Joe Brooks,	Cassville, Mo.
W. B. Fredrick,	Monett, Mo.	John B. Rollins,	Purdy, Mo.
Sherman Harris,	Joplin, Mo.	Cecil Campbell,	Cartersville, Mo.
Everett Wilson,	1110 South	Lamar Ave.,	Denison, Texas.

Licensed Ministers

Delmer Cochran,	Purdy, Mo.	Gene Carpenter,	Verona, Mo.
Virgil Starnes,	Monett, Mo.	William Brooks,	Wheaton, Mo.
Wayne Harlin,	Wheaton, Mo.	Myrtle Black,	Cassville, Mo.
James Carpenter,	Monett, Mo.	Eddie Jones,	Monett, Mo.
Frank Linton,	Stella, Mo.	Margaret Timmons,	Monett, Mo.
Roy Kelly,	Monett, Mo.	Glen Miller,	Monett, Mo.
Delbert Sanders,	Monett, Mo.	Cynthia Henderson,	Purdy, Mo.
		Rosco Butler,	Blue Eye, Mo.
		Eld. John B. Rollins,	Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

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Wm. Sheets,	Orla, Mo.	D. O. Hoke,	Lebanon, Mo.
Glen Jones,	Lebanon, Mo.	C. E. Cornelson,	Lebanon, Mo.
T. J. Peterson,	Oakland, Mo.	W. F. Millard,	R5, Lebanon, Mo.
S. N. Reid,	Abo, Mo.	Lem Waterman,	Eldridge, Mo.
L. H. Jones,	Falcon, Mo.	C. E. Butts,	Climax Spr'gs, Mo.
Cecil Horner,	Conway, Mo.	Curtis Wilson,	Hazel Green, Mo.
		C. A. McAlister,	Moderator, Plato Star R., Lebanon, Mo.
		Mrs. Essie Hamilton,	Clerk, Falcon, Mo.

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

E. E. Simpson,	R1, Alton, Mo.	N. Combs,	R1, Couch, Mo.
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C. R. Bryan,	R1, Couch, Mo.	Billie Rogers,	R1, Myrtle, Mo.
Harry Beatty,	R3, Thayer, Mo.	James McGehee,	R1, Myrtle, Mo.
W. M. Johnson,	Alton, Mo.	C. H. Williams,	R1, Myrtle, Mo.
Clarence Dodson,	Alton, Mo.	T. J. Dunkin,	R1, Myrtle, Mo.
E. E. Winfree,	R1, Couch, Mo.	J. E. S. Pentecost,	Koshkonong
H. C. Crase,	Myrtle, Mo.	J. R. W. Harbison,	Myrtle, Mo.
		Adrian Jenkins,	Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. and S. E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION
 J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo. Edith Mayfield, R1, Iantha, Mo.
 T. L. York, Lafontaine, Kans. Roena Thomas, R3, Arcadia, Ks.
 Arlie Hoover, R3, Arcadia, Ks. Boyd Thornton, Arcadia, Kans.

Licensed Ministers

Elmer Mammon, Liberal, Mo. Richard Talbott, Liberal, Mo.
 Ruthe Garner, Liberal, Mo.

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

UNION ASSOCIATION

L. J. Gearing, Mt Grove, Mo.	O. L. Allen, Mt'n Grove, Mo.
H. T. Edwards, Mt. Grove, Mo.	R. B. Parker, Mt'n Grove, Mo.
Ben Owens, Norwood, Mo.	Henry Higby, Yukon, Mo.
Mose Johnson, Mt. Grove, Mo.	G. W. Scott, Sr., Mt. Grove, Mo.
J. E. Burney, Hartville, Mo.	H. T. Massey, Drury, Mo.
John Claxton, Seymour, Mo.	Clarence Ussey, Lynchb'g, Mo.
Claud Smith, Macomb, Mo.	H. Vandevort, Mt. Grove, Mo.
O. C. Keller, Mt. Grove, Mo.	A. J. Kelsey, Hartville, Mo.
D. S. Jones, Mansfield, Mo.	N. E. Snyder, Huggins, Mo.
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L. M. Marler, Ava, Mo.	J. L. Branstetter, Springfield, Mo.
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Oliver Letterman, Ava, Mo.	B. S. Moody, Norwood, Mo.
C. D. Findley, Mansfield, Mo.	J. W. Moore, Grove Spring, Mo.
A. B. Brooks, Mt. Grove, Mo.	E. E. Vestal, Grove Spring, Mo.
Neal Moore, Mt. Grove, Mo.	Grover Cravens, Competit'n, Mo.
Roy Pembroke, Bendavis, Mo.	E. N. Owens, Macomb, Mo.
C. E. Edwards, Competit'n, Mo.	Harry Johns, Seymour, Mo.
C. J. Joy, Cabool, Mo.	O. H. Bass, Macomb, Mo.
Elias Matney, Squares, Mo.	Earnest Detherage, _____
O. Rose, Kansas City, Mo.	W. L. McClanahan, Grove Spring
J. A. Jinks, Grove Spring, Mo.	M. H. Williams, Grove 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.	

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.	C. M. Dauber, Stahl, Mo.
C. E. Mann, Stahl, Mo.	J. F. Duckworth, _____
Sam Marcum, Greentop, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.	Vernie Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.

Licensed Ministers

Archie Cooper, Stahl, Mo. Monte Peterson, Chicago, Ill.
 Bessie Fowler, Clerk, Stahl, Mo., R2,

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo. T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.
J. S. Damon, Bethany, Mo. John McKown, Lockspring, Mo.
E. T. House, Goodson, Mo. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	L. A. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
S. A. Hand, Piedmont, Mo.	Wm Reeves, Fredericktown, Mo.
Ruth La Brot, Flat River, Mo.	S. M. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo.	Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.
Mark Lewis, Leadington, Mo.	Oda Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
F. A. Simino, ———, Mich.	Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.
J. L. Newbern, St. Louis, Mo.	P. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.
Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.	J. L. Yancy, Fredericktown, Mo.
Sam King, Mill Creek, Mo.	C. E. Wood, Fredericktown, Mo.
John Maize, Mill Creek, Mo.	J. M. Henderson, Zion, Mo.
L. N. Beard, Bismarck, Mo.	J. D. Flannery, Farmington, Mo.
C. Canterberry, Knob Lick, Mo.	Chas. Moyer, Marquand, Mo.
John Long, Flat River, Mo.	S. V. Simmons, Mill Creek, Mo.

Licensed Ministers

Claud Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo. Alb. Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
Alva Gulley, St. Louis, Mo. Alvin Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.
Willard Halbrook, Leadington, Mo.

There are other licensed preachers in Madison County Q. M. whose names I do not know.—O. B. Womack, Clerk.

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

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 main-

taining 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."

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 tolling 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 delegates 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 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.

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 the 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.