

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

CONVENED WITH
Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Hannon, Missouri,
beginning on Tuesday night, October 12, 1937.

The next Annual Session of this Association will
be held with Green Grove Church, in Northeast Mo.
Association, near Kirksville, Missouri, beginning on
Tuesday night following the fourth Sunday in Sep-
tember, 1938.

Eld. Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Missouri to
preach the Introductory sermon, Eld. O. T. Allred
of Monett, Missouri to be his alternate.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1936 TO JULY 1, 1937.

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, 1936	10	44	8	6	6	11	12	13	19	129
No. Churches reporting....	10	42	8	6	4	8	10	13	16	117
Membership July 1, 1936..	825	2528	444	390	275	391	633	1421	600	7507
New Churches received ..			1							1
No. Churches disbanded ...		2								2
Churches without pastors		3			4	2	2			11
Members received	74	136	76	53	5	8	10	68	22	452
Number baptized	47	108	37	46	4	5	10	47	18	322
Dismissed by letter	6	23	8	1		2	6	3	2	51
Number excluded	4	18		9		1	4	11	12	59
Number deceased	4	35	6	6	2	1	11	19	7	91
Resident members	545	1865	360	269	185	346	389	1049	482	5490
Non-resident members ...	340	723	146	159	93	49	233	407	119	2269
No. Churches July 1, 1937	10	42	9	6	6	11	12	13	19	128
Membership July 1, 1937	885	2588	506	428	278	295	622	1456	601	7759
No. Prayer Meetings	7	10	1	3		1	4	6	3	35
Number Leagues	7	7		3		1		6	2	26
League membership	252	229		49		22		260	15	827
Number Home Missions ..	8	2		3	1	6	1	4	2	27
Home Mission membership	154	31		91	36	92	13	74	21	512
Number Sunday Schools..	10	37	5	6	5	8	9	10	11	101
S. S. Enrollment	491	1353	185	317	115	240	273	1080	495	4549
Number of Officers	41	132	20	38	16	48	19	55	34	403
Number of Teachers	50	146	18	31	16	32	18	67	49	427
Amount paid Pastors	\$1327.82	\$1698.36	\$265.98	\$640.79	\$249.00	\$629.15	\$453.23	\$2378.30	\$458.15	\$8100.78
Amt. for evangelistic work	422.49	362.98	28.33	256.80	80.50	115.96	53.27	336.70	34.25	1691.28
Amt. for build'g & repair	341.60	764.04	34.76	16.00	24.50	152.85	386.96	303.86	200.80	2225.37
Amt. for incidentals	173.55	223.28	7.25	197.54	45.26	37.00	93.95	229.02	12.50	1019.35
Value of Church property	13300.00	20325.00	5000.00	4600.00	5515.00	7150.00	5000.50	21100.00	5400.00	91390.50
Amt. for Foreign Missions	229.00	10.00	12.19	212.73	28.04	44.10	5.50	156.94	3.85	1083.50
Amt. for Home Missions..	80.00	21.31		23.77	.50	3.00	2.00	232.11	15.03	377.72
Amt. for Education	13.50	58.00		26.47				90.00	31.50	219.47
Amt. for Publication	107.81	36.94	25.00	20.77			65.43	223.07	75.00	554.02
Amt. Budget money paid..	44.80	23.98		20.95	1.50	5.90		5.25		102.38
Amt. Minute money paid.	2.00	46.13	14.00		1.25		20.00	5.25	24.10	296.73
No. Ordained Ministers ..	25	64	19	4	6	3	11	27	14	173
No. Licensed Ministers ..	8	5		5		1	3	9	4	35
No. Ordained Deacons	21	113	26	19	13	19	28	42	32	313

Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin, Statistician Missouri State Association.

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 Clerk,	Eld. Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. B. F. Brown	Purdy, Mo.,	Term expires 1942
Eld. Arlie Hoover,	Arcadia, Ks.,	Term expires 1941
Eld. C. M. Dauber,	Stahl, Mo.	Term expires 1940
Dea. M. H. White,	Plattsburg Mo.,	Term expires 1939
Eld O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo,	Term expires 1938

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. James F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.
Eld. E. T. House,	Goodson, Mo.
Bro. John H. Peterson,	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. J. F. Mikel,	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. M. H. White,	Plattsburg, Mo.

STATE LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State League of Free Will Baptist met in annual session with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, at Hannon, Mo. October 12, at eleven o'clock a. m.

Devotional service led by Eld. John Swaffar.

Special song by Elders John Swaffar and Winford Davis

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. W. K. Weston.

The afternoon session was called together by the President, Eld. Winford Davis.

After song and prayer, a Scripture lesson was read from 1 Samuel.

Sister Esther Apple was elected secretary protem, the secretary being absent on account of sickness.

Letters were read and delegates were seated from Indian Creek and Southeast Missouri League Associations, and Bro. Whistance was seated from Independence League.

Motion carried that delegates be given power to fill vacancies in the delegation.

Badges were distributed.

Election of Officers

President,	Eld. Cecil Campbell,	Carterville, Mo.
Vice-Pres.,	Eld. Alvin Halbrook,	Leadington, Mo.
Sec.-Treas.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't. Sec.	Miss Esther Apple,	Aurora, Mo.

Member Executive Board for 3-years, Eld Damon Dodd.

Motion carried to accept Bro. Cecil Campbell's resignation from the Executive Board.

Mrs. Jewell Campbell was elected on the Executive Board for a term of one year.

Motion carried to eliminate all field workers and have one State Field Worker.

Motion carried to leave appointment of State Field Worker to the officials of this organization.

Motion carried to discontinue sending League reports to the State Secretary, and send them direct to Gem office.

The following program was given and enjoyed by all:

Quartette Flat River Leaguers

Duet Desloge Leaguers

Quartette Indian Creek Leaguers
 Talk Eld. James F. Miller
 Talk Eld. S. H. Marcum
 Quartette Northeast Missouri Leaguers
 Motion carried that this State League Association purchase a \$10.00 share in the Publishing House Fund.
 Eld. Wm. Reeves was elected to preach the introductory sermon next year, Eld. Kenneth Turner alternant.

Treasurer's Report

On hand from last year	\$5.53
Budget fund received	5.00
Raised for printing minutes	5.90
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Total amount received	\$16.43
Publishing House Certificate	10.00
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Balance on hand	\$ 6.43

The State officers met and appointed Bro. C. B. Dees as State Field Worker

In a call session on Friday morning, the two members of the Executive Board, with other State officers, elected Bro. Anthony Bircham as member of the Executive Board for a term of two years.

Eld. Cecil Campbell, President.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Secretary.

STATE MISSION PROCEEDINGS

Missouri State Home Mission met in annual session with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Hannon, Missouri, October 11, 12, 1937.

The Introductory sermon was preached on Monday night, Oct. 11th, by Eld. Damon Dodd. Text, 2 Cor. 5:19.

Tuesday morning session opened by singing "Send the Light."

Prayer by Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin.

Scripture lesson read, John 4:1-42, by Sister Anna Reed

Minutes of last session approved as read.

Reading of letters and seating of delegates.

The report of President read and accepted.

Election of Officers

President,	Cassie Kelsey,	Greentop, Mo.
Vice-Pres.,	Eunice Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Esther Apple,	Aurora, Mo.

Motion sustained to send Bro. Willey \$15.00; To give our President \$10.00; Publishing House \$10.00; and Sec'y.—Treas. \$5.00.

At this time we enjoyed the reading of a letter from Bro. Willey and family, then had special prayer for them.

Motion sustained that our Secretary write a letter to Bro. Willey and family to let them know we are thinking and praying for them.

Eld. Winford Davis was elected to preach the introductory sermon for our next session, Eld. Miss Melba White alternant.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Green Grove Church, Monday evening after the fourth Sunday in September, 1938.

Financial Report, October, 1936 to October, 1937.

Amount on hand, Oct. 1936, \$28.34

Amount received 46.27

Total Reciepts \$74.61

Expenditures 18.62

Amount on hand 56.09

Paid out during State Meeting 40.00

Balance on hand 16.09

Cassie Kelsey President.
Esther Apple Sec'y—Treas.

PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met in its TwentyFourth Annual Session with Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Hannon, Barton County, Mo., beginning on Tuesday night, October 12, 1937.

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

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

Prayer by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Special song number was rendered by the small Smith Sisters.

Prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Two quartet numbers were rendered by Elders F. C. Zinn, J. C. Swaffar, Winford Davis, and D. S. Jones.

The speaker, Eld. S. H. Marcum of Cameron, Mo., who was previously chosen to deliver the Introductory sermon, was introduced by the Moderator. Bro. Marcum read a Scripture lesson from the second chapter of Mark. Subject, "Carry Your Corner." A powerful, inspirational message was delivered, and greatly enjoyed by all.

Benediction by Eld. Noel Turner.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Eld. J. F. Miller.

Opened with singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Scripture lesson, 11th chapter of 2 Cor., read by Mod.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

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

At this time the delegation was presented with badges of identification.

Motion carried to retain the present staff of officers.

Officers as Follows

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 Clerk,	Eld. Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.

Eld. B. F. Brown of Purdy, Mo. was elected member of the Executive Board for a term of five years.

Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin was re-elected as State Statistician.

Eld. Winford Davis was elected Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to give Moderator power to appoint a Committee on Committees.

Committee on Committees—Elders O. T. Allred, Noel Turner, E. T. House, B. F. Brown, and Bro. John Peterson.

Recessed until eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing led by Eld. J. C. Swaffar.

Prayer by Eld. C. M. Dauber.

Special quartet number by Elders F. C. Zinn, John C. Swaffar, D. S. Jones and Winford Davis.

The stand was filled by Eld. Kenneth Turner of Granby, Mo. Text, Neh. 6:3, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down."

A powerful and interesting message was delivered, which was followed by a handshake of fellowship in which the Lord wonderfully poured out His Spirit.

Report of Committee on Committees was read and Rec'd

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by Moderator.

Singing led by Eld. John C. Swaffar.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13th chapter, by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo.

Prayer by Eld. B. F. Brown.

At this time Eld. Kenneth Turner representing Indian Creek Association presented a typewriter to the Missouri State Association.

Motion carried to give Indian Creek Ass'n a standing vote of thanks in appreciation of a good Remington Portable typewriter which was presented to the State Association by the Indian Creek Association, together with \$4.44 for its upkeep.

Motion carried to receive report of Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention.

At this time, while the committees retired to make up their reports, Eld. Archie Cooper brought a message

from Naham 1:7. Subject, "Goodness of God," which was very much enjoyed by all present.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Location, which recommended that the next session of this Association meet with Green Grove Church, in North-east Missouri Association.

Item No. 1 of Enterprise Committee was read and discussed, pending adoption later.

Motion carried to receive report of Joint Committee, which consists of the State Publication Committee and the State Executive Board.

Motion carried to adjourn.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

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

Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

A special song number was rendered by Mrs. C. M. Dauber, also a number by Eld. Winford Davis, and a number by Mrs. Noel Turner.

A quartette number was rendered by Elders F. C. Zinn, John C. Swaffar, D. S. Jones and Winford Davis.

After this an offering was taken to pay expense on the tents which were being used, which offering amounted to \$25.08.

At this time, the speaker of the evening, Eld. John B. Rollins of Purdy, Mo. was introduced by the Moderator. Bro. Rollins delivered a wonderful sermon. Text, Luke 1:31-32. Subject, "The Postponed Kingdom."

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator,

Opened by singing led by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Scripture read by the Moderator, 1 Peter 2nd chapter.

Prayer by Eld. Cecil Horner.

Motion carried to receive verbal report of Laclede County Association, as given by Eld. Cecil Horner.

Motion carried to receive the State Statistical report.

Eld. Cecil Campbell of Cartersville, Mo. was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the next State Association, with Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. alternate.

Eld. S. H. Marcum of Cameron, Mo. was elected State Evangelist.

Motion carried to receive the report of John B. Rollins, Superintendent of State Publishing House program.

Motion carried to commend Bro. Rollins for what he has done, and to stay by him as he continues to work at the publishing house program.

At this time an offering was given on the Publishing House fund, and \$50.00 was received.

Motion carried to suspend the offering until afternoon, for the preaching service.

THURSDAY. ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service was opened by singing led by Eld. J. C. Swaffar.
Prayer by Moderator, J. F. Miller.

The stand was filled by Eld. William Reeves of Fredricktown, Mo. Bro. Reeves read for a scripture lesson, Eph. 6:10—18, after which he brought a very interesting message from Eph. 6:18, which was enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Scripture reading by Moderator, Eph 5th chapter.

Prayer by Eld. John B. Rollins.

Discussion was resumed on Item No. 1. of Committee on Denominational Enterprise, which was pertaining to the Publishing House program. An offering was given to the Publishing House fund which amounted to \$162.70.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. of Business Committee, without discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. of Business Com.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3. of Business Com.

At this time the Associational enrollment was taken.

Motion carried to receive the request of the Executive Board of Union Association, they having voted to withdraw from the Missouri State Association.

Motion carried to receive the financial report of the State Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened at 6:45 by singing led by Eld. John Swaffar.
Prayer by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

A special program was rendered as follows:

Duet, "I'm Naturalized for Heaven Now," by Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner.

Solo, "Lift Him Up," by Eld John Swaffar.

Solo, "Is My Savior Satisfied With Me?" by Eld. D. Selph Jones.

Quartette, "Were You There," by New Harmony Ladies: Mrs. Noel Turner, Mrs. C. M. Dauber, Miss Esther Peterson and Miss Louise Buchanan.

Quartette, "Jesus is Best of All" and "I Walk With Jesus," by the Melody Four: Eld. Winford Davis, Mrs. Hazel Pennell, Ralph Davis and Chelmer Medlin.

Quartette, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," by Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner, and Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Quartette, "The Other Side," by the Melody Four.

At this time (7:45) the Free Will Baptist Gem was presented by the Moderator, Eld. James F. Miller.

Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. brought an interesting and inspirational message from Matt. 13: 45-46. Subject, "The Pearl of Great Price."

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Scripture read by the Moderator, Eph. 2nd. chapter.

Prayer by Eld. W. K. Weston.

Eld. Arlie Hoover was elected member of the executive board to fill the unexpired term of Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.

Motion carried that the Western General Association meet with the Macedonia church, which Association convenes Nov. 9, 1937.

Motion carried that the Clerk of the Western General Association, Eld. John B. Rollins, mail out cards announcing the change in the place of meeting of the Western Association.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. of the Committee on Denominational Enterprise, which item suggested the appointment of a committee to investigate the Ward land grant proposition.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Committee on Temperance.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Committee on Missions.

Motion carried to adopt Items No. 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried that all money left in the entertainment fund above expense of entertaining the State meeting be donated to the entertaining church.

Motion carried to send Corresponding Messengers from this body to the National Association of General Baptist, which convenes with the General Baptist church in Ava, Mo., Oct. 19, 1937. Messengers chosen: Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. B. F. Brown, Eld. Cecil Campbell, and Eld John C. Swaffar.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred.

FRIDAY, ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing led by Eld. J. C. Swaffar.

A number of sentence prayers were offered, led by Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin.

A quartette number was rendered by Eld. and Mrs. J. F. Miller and Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

A solo number was rendered by Eld Winford Davis.

The stand was filled by Eld. J. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. Text, Matt. 16:24. Subject, "The Challenge of the Cross." A very interesting and spiritual message was delivered, and enjoyed by all, followed by a rousing handshake of fellowship.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred.

Singing led by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Scripture lesson read from Psalms 29.

Prayer by Eld. Archie Cooper.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Sunday School Committee.

Discussion of the need of a Bible Training School.

Motion carried to elect delegates to the Western General Association.

Delegates elected as follows: L. C. Wade, Eunice Miller, Daisy Marcum, J. B. Jefferson, Will Smith, Mrs. E. T. House, Ralph Hoyt, Alvin Halbrook, C. M. Hatfield and A. A. Kicenski.

Committee to investigate the Ward land grant proposition appointed by the Moderator as follows: Elders

Cecil Horner, chairman, J. B. Rollins, C. M. Dauber, O. T. Allred, and J. F. Miller.

Motion carried to give a vote of thanks to the Assistant Clerk, Eld. Noel Turner, to the stenographer, Mrs Iva Hartfield, and to the Assistant Moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Tuesday night following the 4th Sunday in September, 1938, with the Green Grove Church in Northeast Mo. Association near Kirksville, Mo.

The following served faithfully as pianists throughout these sessions: Mrs. Noel Turner, Miss Evelyn Jefferson, Mrs. J. C. Swaffar, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs John Worsley, and Miss Louise Buchanon.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Prayer by Eld. S. H. Marcum.

Special song numbers were rendered as follows:

Solo, Eld. Winford Davis.

Duet, Eld. Noel Turner and Annabelle Buchanon.

Duet, the Matthews Sisters.

Quartette, Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner, F. C. Zinn, and Oral Buchanon.

Duet, Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

At this time an offering was given on entertainment.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Hannon Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown the delegates and visitors during this Association.

Eld. Winford sang a solo number.

The stand was filled by Eld. F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Mo. Subject, "Revival," Text, 1 Kings 18:1. A rousing and powerful message was delivered and greatly enjoyed by all, at the close of which two souls were saved, and God's Spirit was wonderfully poured out on His people.

Eld. Winford Davis sang the number, "My Didn't It Rain."

Eld. J. F. Miller, Moderator
Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Committees—We, your Committee on Committees, recommend the appointment of the following committees:

Divine Service—Eld. F. C. Zinn, Miss Anna Reed and Mrs. J. B. Jefferson.

Business—Elders O. T. Allred, E. T. House, Damon Dodd, and Brothers John Peterson and L. C. Wade.

Denominational Enterprises—Elders B. F. Brown, C. M. Dauber, Winford Davis, John B. Rollins, Miss Tommie Franklin, Mrs. Gracie McCarty and Milford House.

Location—C. W. Ricketts, Arthur Forshee, J. E. Turner.

Missions—Mrs. Eunice Miller, Eld. Miss Melba White, Mrs. Daisy Marcum, Eld. W. K. Weston and Eld. W. E. George.

Temperance—Eld. Cecil Horner, Eld. H. M. Cope, Eld. Alvin Halbrook, Eld. John Swaffar, Dea. Calvin Lawson.

Sunday School—Dea. G. C. Lewis, Eld. Wm. Reeves, Miss Cassie Kelsey, Miss Clara Mae Vosburgh and Elder O. L. Allen.

Committee { Eld. O. T. Allred,
Eld. Noel Turner,
Eld. E. T. House,
Eld. B. F. Brown,
Dea. John Peterson.

Location—We, your Committee on Location, recommend that the Missouri State Association meet with the Green Grove Church in Northeast Missouri Association.

Committee { C. W. Ricketts,
J. E. Turner,
Arthur Forshee.

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

We recommend that our ministers encourage "Home Mission organizations in all their churches.

We recommend that each Home Mission circle send in the 10 per cent to the State Mission Sec'y-Treas.

We recommend that our ministers and laymen stress the importance of prayer, and to support with their means our Foreign Missionary program.

We recommend that Mission work be taught in our Sunday schools to create an interest with the children, and that an offering be taken quarterly or oftener, if desired, for the support of Foreign Missions, in the Sunday schools.

Committee { Mrs. Eunice Miller,
Eld. Miss Melba White,
Mrs. Daisy Marcum,
Eld. W. K. Weston,
Eld. W. E. George.

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

We urgently call the attention of every Free Will Baptist to the tendency to let the cause of intemperance go unrestrained, and the indifference of our people toward a power which is wrecking and ruining the lives of young and old in our midst.

We recommend to our people a careful study and strict adherence to the Bible and our Church Covenant, teachings on the subject of Temperance.

We further recommend that this body go on record as opposed to the licensing, sale and use of all alcoholic beverages and narcotics, the use of tobacco, the theatre, dancing, unwholesome literature, punch boards, and all gaming devices.

Committee { Eld. Cecil E. Horner,
Eld. Alvin Halbrook,
Deacon E. C. Lawson,
Eld. H. M. Cope,
Eld. John Swaffar.

Sunday School—We, your Committee on Sunday School, report as follows:

Owing to the need of qualified officers and teachers in our Sunday schools, we recommend for discussion the Possibility of a Session of a Bible Training School.

We recommend that Free Will Baptist literature be used in Free Will Baptist Sunday schools.

Committee { G. C. Lewis,
Wm. Reeves,
C. M. Vosburgh,
Cassie Kelsey,
O. L. Allen.

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

We heartily endorse the present program to raise the sum of \$5,000.00 for our Publishing House fund, half of which, or \$2,500.00, to be raised by November 1, 1938, and recommend that we increase our efforts to raise the balance of this \$2,500.00 during the fall and winter months, and

Be it Resolved, That as much as possible be raised at this session of Missouri State Association.

Item No. 2—Be it Resolved, That we appoint a committee to go to Lake of the Ozarks Region to investigate the situation there and consider receiving a building site there, which is offered to us for religious purposes by L. C. Ward, promotor.

Committee	{	B. F. Brown,
		John B. Rollins,
		C. M. Dauber,
		Tommie Franklin,
		Winford Davis,
		Gracie McCarty,
		Milford House.

Business

Item No. 1—We, your Business Committee of the Missouri State Association, after an investigation of the matter of Union Association dealing with Eld. Selph Jones, we find there has been some irregularity in dealing with this matter, and some unchristian conduct.

We are persuaded to believe that insufficient evidence was found against Bro. Jones to warrant the drastic action taken. We find that the meeting at which it was voted to take Bro. Jones' credentials was irregular inasmuch as no written record was kept and Bro. Jones was refused a secretary. We regret to say that in investigating this, we find that the Spirit of Christ was not manifested as should have been between brethren at all times, but in some cases it seems that there was a spirit of envy and retaliation.

The committee feels that as far as this State Association is concerned, this action should be final and we should heed the admonition of Paul (Phil. 3:13, 14), in forgetting the things of the past and "press toward the

mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We would like to admonish all our brethren that in all our problems that confront us, we should stop and ask ourselves the question, "What would Christ do?"

We recommend that this be adopted without discussion.

Item No. 2—Be it Resolved, That it shall be the policy and practice of Missouri State Association to avoid contracting any debts for anything we may find it necessary to purchase for the good of our work, but for all our needs the money shall be raised first.

Item No. 3—Be it Resolved, That this Missouri State Association shall convene on Tuesday night following the fourth Sunday in September.

Item No. 4—Be it Resolved, That the pastors of our various churches should bear in mind the resolution that was passed last year in regard to taking an offering from each church to help defray the expenses of the Mo. State Association, as this seems to be the most satisfactory plan we have yet tried.

Item No. 5—Be it Resolved, That we give our Moderator and Clerk a standing vote of thanks for their efficient service during this sitting of this State Ass'n.

Item No. 6—Be it Resolved, That we give the people of the Hannon Church and surrounding community a standing vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality to the delegates and visitors of this State Association.

Item No. 7—Be it Resolved, That this Association extend a vote of thanks to the Junge Baking Company of Joplin, Missouri for their contribution.

Committee { O. T. Allred,
E. T. House,
L. C. Wade,
John Peterson,
Damon C. Dodd.

Report of the Superintendent of the Publishing House Program of the Missouri State Association.

After receiving my commission as Superintendent of the Publishing House Program, January 19, 1937, I made an earnest effort. I have traveled and lectured in every local Association and Yearly Meeting in the State of Missouri, except Niangua Association.

I have visited 52 churches as follows:

5 churches in Indian Creek Association.

4 churches in Central W. Missouri and S. E. Kans. Ass'n.

13 churches in Union Association, one a Missionary B.

8 churches in Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting.

13 churches in Cave Spring Association.

3 churches in Northwest Missouri Association.

1 church in Laclede County Association.

5 churches in Northeast Missouri Association.

Miles traveled 4830, money received for expenses \$98.29.

To speak frankly, this labor has been strenuous and the responsibility is very great, yet involving many very pleasant experiences and also a few unpleasant experiences.

I wish to thank all who co-operated and contributed both to the House fund and to our personal expenses.

—John B. Rollins, Supt.

Proceedings of the State Publication Committee

Committee met at the Macedonia Church, near Monett, Missouri, October 15, 1936, during the Twenty-Third Annual Session of the Missouri State Association.

Opened with prayer by Eld. Jas. F. Miller.

Motion carried to elect Eld. Jas. F. Miller chairman.

Motion carried to elect Eld. Boyd Thornton of Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Association as permanent member of the committee, to take the place of Eld. H. M. McAdams, he having moved to Texas.

The vacancies caused by the absence of J. F. Mikel and John Peterson of Greentop, Mo. were temporarily filled by the choosing of Eld. Noel Turner and Oral Buchanan.

Motion carried to consider giving space in the Gem to the colored Free Will Baptist of St. Louis, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee, which consists of the Publication Committee and the State Executive Board, met Friday afternoon, October 16, 1936, and the following business was transacted:

Motion carried to leave the matter of seeking information relative to the organization of a stock company to a

committee of three, as follows: Elders B. F. Brown, O. T. Allred and Winford Davis.

Motion carried to elect Winford Davis Secretary-Treas. of this Joint Committee and O. T. Allred assistant.

Motion carried to adjourn to the call of the Chairman.

—Eld. Winford Davis, Sec'y.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

On Tuesday morning, January 19, 1937, the State Executive Board and the State Publication Committee met in Joint session at the Flat River Church. Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Eld. Jas. F. Miller. Scripture reading by Chairman, 69th Psalm, and prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

Eld. Richard Talbott was seated as proxy for Eld. E. T. House, Eld. J. B. Rollins was seated as proxy for Elder O. T. Allred, Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin was seated as proxy for Bro. John Peterson, Eld. Miss Melba White was seated as proxy for Bro. M. H. White, Sister Eunice Miller was seated as proxy for Bro. Frank Mikel, Eld. F. C. Zinn was seated as proxy for Eld. G. W. Scott, Jr.

An explanation, as to why we can't reasonably incorporate, as found by the inner committee of three, which committee consists of Elders B. F. Brown, Winford Davis and O. T. Allred, was given by Eld. B. F. Brown. Motion carried to receive explanation on report of the inner committee of three.

Motion carried that we proceed to raise \$5,000.00 for the purpose of building and more perfectly equipping a publishing house, the donors' money to become the property of Missouri State Association when fifty per cent of the said amount be raised, until then the donors hold a claim on their donations by a sufficiently worded receipt which they are to be given.

Motion carried that Eld. B. F. Brown proceed to print the necessary receipts.

Motion carried to elect a Field Superintendent to superintend the raising of the above stated amount.

Eld. John B. Rollins was elected Field Superintendent. Recessed until afternoon.

At 1:20 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the

Chairman. Opened with prayer by Eld Boyd Thornton.

Scripture lesson, 4th chapter of 1 John, read by Chair.

Motion carried to appoint Eld. John B. Rollins associate editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Motion carried to recognize Mrs. B. F. Brown as associate editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Motion carried that the requirements of the law be met relative to increasing the bond of the Treasurer.

Motion carried that the entire amount of the proposed \$5,000.00, which shall be raised, be used exclusively for the purpose of buying or building and equipping a publishing house. Field Superintendent's expense, cost of receipts, etc., to be raised from other sources.

Motion carried that we endeavor by earnest effort to raise the \$2,500.00 or 50% of the \$5,000.00 by the end of the month of October, 1937, and that the end of October, 1938 be the final date for raising this said amount.

Adjourned at three o'clock p. m.

	{ Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Chairman,
	{ Eld. B. F. Brown,
	{ Eld. Boyd Thornton,
	{ Eld. Richard Talbott,
Joint Committee	{ Eld. F. C. Zinn,
	{ Eld. John B. Rollins,
	{ Eld. Miss Melba White,
	{ Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin,
	{ Mrs. Eunice Miller,
	{ Eld. Winford Davis, Secretary.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The following is my Annual Statistical report of the condition, and the work done in our Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist, for the year beginning Sept. 1, 1936 and ending Sept. 1, 1937, and is composed of the following schools: Flat River, Leadington, Park View, Wortham and Bethel of St. Louis.

Superintendents

Park View,	Anna Reed,	Desloge, Mo.
Wortham,	M. A. Hughes,	Wortham, Mo.
Flat River,	Willard Lackey,	Esther, Mo.
Bethel,	Claude Lincoln,	St. Louis, Mo.
Leadington,	Jack Coffey,	Leadington, Mo.

Assistant Superintendents

Park View,	Eld. Elmer Stegall,	Desloge, Mo.
Wortham,	Albert Hays,	Wortham, Mo.
Flat River,	Ed. Sirelum,	Leadington, Mo.
Bethel,	Eld. Sam Gill,	St. Louis, Mo.
Leadington,	Mrs. Mabel Nichols,	Leadington, Mo.

Treasurers

Park View,	Susie Forshee,	Desloge, Mo.
Wortham,	Mrs. Nina Lashley,	Wortham, Mo.
Flat River,	Mrs. Ruth La Brot,	Flat River, Mo.
Bethel,	Jimmie Langley,	St. Louis, Mo.
Leadington,	Lizzie Dalton,	Leadington, Mo.

Secretaries

Park View,	Louise Gibson,	Desloge, Mo.
Wortham,	Mrs. Abbie Hughes,	Wortham, Mo.
Flat River,	Helen La Brot,	Flat River, Mo.
Bethel,	Jimmie Langley,	St. Louis, Mo.
Leadington,	Georgie Burns,	Leadington, Mo.

No. Classes	38
No. Teachers	38
Officers and Teachers	62
Total attendance	14076
Total enrollment	597
Condition of Sunday Schools	Fair
Saved attributed to S. S.	Unknown
Cradle Roll	72
Total Bible chapters (tabulated)	18222
Total offerings (from S. S. statistics).....	\$262.62
Total disbursements	218.52
Balance on hand	44.10

Flat River S. S. paid for Foreign Missions.....	\$29.73
For Publishing House fund	10.00
For S. E. Mo. Flood Relief	5.00
Leadington S. S. paid on Publishing House fund,	\$5.00
On hand in Convention treasury	\$2.71

Eld. Alvin Halbrook, Convention President,
Deacon O. B. Womack, Secretary-Treas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is my financial report for the year, beginning October 17, 1936 and ending October 14, 1937:

Budget Fund

Brought forward from last year \$40.82
Am't received during the past year.... 71.54

Total receipts	\$112.36
Paid out for State minutes	\$34.69
For linotype insurance	10.00
For financial record book85
For State postage	10.00
For receipts	1.50

Total disbursements \$57.04

Balance in Budget fund 55.32

Minute Fund

Brot forward from last year..... \$ 1.00
Am't received during past year..... 27.95

Total receipts	\$28.95
Paid out for State minutes.....	28.80

Balance in minute fund15

Linotype Insurance Fund

Am't received during past year..... \$1.00
Paid on linotype insurance..... 1.00

Foreign Mission Fund

Am't received during past year..... \$825.08
Paid out for Foreign Missions..... 745.24

Balance in Foreign Mission fund..... \$79.84

Publishing House Fund

Am't received during past year..... \$965.54

Entertainment Fund

Am't received during past year..... \$219.77
Am't paid out 219.77

Total amount in treasury, all funds..... \$1,100.85

Total amount spent for postage during past year, \$14.70

Balance due treasurer for postage \$4.70

—Winford Davis, Treasurer.

RELEASE

Hannon, Mo., Oct. 14, 1937.

To the State Association convened with Hannon Church:

Inasmuch as the Missouri State Association has failed to uphold the action of Union Association in the matter of revoking the credentials of D. Selph Jones as a minister of the Gospel, we wish to inform this Association that Union Association will not rescind their actions and we wish to be released from the State Association.

Signed:

Clarence Ussery, Foreman,
W. E. George,
Claud J. Smith,
H. M. Cope,
O. L. Allen.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers Present

B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.	Melba White,	Plattsburg, Mo.
W. K. Weston,	Monett, Mo.	Tommie Franklin,	Desloge
Cecil Campbell,	Carterville	Arthur Bailey,	Plad, Mo.
Damon Dodd,	Elvins, Mo.	Roena Thomas,	Arcadia, Ks.
C. M. Dauber,	Greentop, Mo.	Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.
Geo. Miller,	Fredericktown	Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
L. J. Gearing,	Mt. Grove, Mo.	J. E. Burney,	Hartville, Mo.
Wm. Reeves,	Fredericktown	C. J. Smith,	Macomb, Mo.
Archie Cooper,	Stahl, Mo.	W. E. George,	Norwood, Mo.
Cecil Horner,	Bagnell, Mo.	E. T. House,	Goodson, Mo.
W.M. Sutton,	Long Lane, Mo.	O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
John Mace,	Niangua, Mo.	S. H. Marcum,	Cameron, Mo.
J. G. Koch,	Long Lane, Mo.	R. B. Parker,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
Arlie Hoover,	Arcadia, Ks.	O. L. Allen,	Mt. Grove Mo.
E. E. Simpson,	Alton, Mo.	N. E. Snyder,	Huggins, Mo.
J. E. Rolen,	Thayer, Mo.	Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.
W. P. Stogdill,	Alton, Mo.	F. C. Zinn,	Purdy, Mo.
Kenneth Turner,	Granby, Mo.	L. T. Koch,	Bucyrus, Mo.
Frank Linton,	Stella, Mo.	G. W. Scott, Jr.,	Mt. Grove
John Swaffar,	Purdy, Mo.	J. B. Rollins,	Purdy Mo.
C. L. Marbut,	Monett, Mo.	J. F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.

Ordained Deacons Present

L. A. Butcher, Norwood, Mo.	J. E. Turner, Granby, Mo.
Wm Kempt Norwood, Mo.	M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.	G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.
W. S. Byers, Stahl, Mo.	J. W. Smith, Long Lane, Mo.
Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo.	E. C. Lawson, Buffalo, Mo.
Blaine Matthews, Desloge	C. I. Mead, Chetopa, Ks.
Sam Dodson, Niangua, Mo.	G. C. Lewis Liberal, Mo.
Will Chandler, Niangua, Mo.	A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo.
Orval Walton, Niangua, Mo.	L. C. Wade, Bronaugh, Mo.
C. E. Wilkerson, Flat River	C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.
John Peterson, Greentop Mo.	Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Ks.
S. A. Davis, Monett, Mo.	

Ministers' Wives Present

Mrs. George Miller,	Verdie Cooper,
Kathryn Dauber,	Kathryn Dauber,
Jewell Turner,	Mrs. B. F. Brown
Ruby Linton,	Vera Hoover,
Mrs. E. T. House,	Lizzie Sutton,
Jewell Campbell,	Fearl Allred,
Elaine Turner,	Frances Weston,
Belva Zinn,	Hazel Swaffar,
Edith Marbut,	Daisy Marcum,
Eunice Miller,	Mrs. Selph Jones.

Delegates Enrolled

Louise Buchanan, Greentop	Leroy Miller, Flat River, Mo.
Dora Mead, Chetopa, Ks.	Christine Eden, Flat River
Gussie Hamblen, Flat River	Ruby Wood, Desloge, Mo.
Isabel Henderson, Flat River,	Melburn Horton, Flat River
Mrs. D. T. McKee, Neosho	Jennie Wright, Flat River
D. D. Homan, Stewartville	Lizzie Pirtle, Esther, Mo.
Delbert Sanders, Monett Mo.	Mildred Wilkerson, Flat River
Mrs. W. O. Summers, Stahl	Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Wilma Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Mrs. Boyd Filkins, Novinger
Velma Matthews, Desloge Mo.	Mrs. Arthur Forshee, Desloge
Anna Mae Miller, Flat River,	Lola Anna Brown, Carterville
Anthony Burcham, Flat River,	Lizzie Dodd, Elvins, Mo.
Arvilla Fultz, Blue Eye, Mo.	Mrs. C. B. Dees, Flat River
Gertie Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.
Adeline Coffey, Stewartville	Martha Burchett, Flat River
Darlene Baker, Easton, Mo.	Edith Montgomery, Greentop

E. W. Ellis, Easton, Mo.
Mrs. Geo. Lashum, Monett
Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.
Maurine Campbell, Stella, Mo.
Clara Mae Vosburgh, Monett
Ed Sirclum, Elvins, Mo.
Pearl Sirclum, Elvins, Mo.
Jesse Forrest, Desloge, Mo.
Thora Arbogast, Greenfield
Gracie McCarty, Chetopa, Ks.
Hazel Homan, Stewartsville
Mildred Baker, Easton, Mo.
Irene Wann, Flat River, Mo.

Alvin Halbrook, Leadington
Mrs. Etta Wilkerson, Flat R.
Mrs. Milford House, Gower
Milford House, Gower, Mo.
Mrs. Marie Wiley, Stockton
Minnie Hamby, Desloge, Mo.
Belva Byers, Stahl, Mo.
Mrs. J. E. Turner, Granby
Mrs. R. Hartfield, Greenfield
Dorothy Coffey, Stewartsville
Grace Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Naomi Lincoln, Esther, Mo.
Cassie Kelsey, Greentop, Mo.

League Delegates

Anna May Miller,
Anthony Burcham,
Esther Apple,
Maurine Campbell,
Anna Reed,
Evelyn Jefferson,
Leroy Miller,
Ruby Wood,
Miss Lola Anna Brown,

Blaine Matthews,
Arvilla Fultz,
Joe Deweese,
C. B. Dees,
Martha Burcham,
Alvin Halbrook,
Jewell Campbell,
Belya Zinn.

Mission Delegates

Louise Buchanan,
Stanley Baker,
Anna Reed,
D. D. Homan,
Esther Apple,
Maurine Campbell,
Verdie Cooper,
Pearl Allred,
Nannie Martin,
Evelyn Jefferson,
Mildred Baker,
Hazel Homan,
Elaine Turner,
Thora Arbogast,
Effie Matthews,
Odell Rice,
Susie Forshee,

Nettie Davis,
Lola Anna Brown,
Pearl Sirclum,
Eunice Miller,
Jewell Campbell,
Minnie Hamby,
Otha Campbell,
Ethel Newcomer,
Lenna Butler,
Esther Peterson,
Mrs. Etta Wilkerson,
Bessie Forte,
Velma Smith,
Irene Wann,
Edith Montgomery,
Anna Buchanan,
Dorothy Coffey.

Visitors

Burnis Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Mrs. John Peterson, Greentop
Betty Lou Lawson, Stahl, Mo.	Elzona Medlin, Monett, Mo.
Glen McCarty, Chetopa, Ks.	Ella Gregory, Greentop, Mo.
J. E. Johnson, Chetopa, Ks.	Loyd Jeffreys, Greenfield, Mo.
Cleo V. Cooper, Stahl, Mo.	Lottie Marshall, Arcola, Mo.
Elva Mae Matthews, Desloge	Hazel Hastings, Arcola, Mo.
Mrs. Hope Eaton, Stella, Mo.	Nellie Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Mrs. Loie West, Eldridge, Mo.	Mrs. Anna Sharp, Stahl, Mo.
Velma Sanders, Monett, Mo.	Mildred Lawson, Stahl, Mo.

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to each Association

NIANGUA ASSOCIATION

J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.	W. N. Sutton, Long Lane, Mo.
W. A. Franklin, Buffalo, Mo.	G. W. Sturdevant, Long Lane, Mo.
Wm Fincher, Phillipsburg, Mo.	E. M. Delcore, St. George, Mo.
Henry Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.	Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.
J. P. Highfill, Ozark, Mo.	T. R. Clark, Buffalo, Mo.
Wm Phillips, Lebanon, Mo.	L. A. Sapp, Branch, Mo.
J. K. Mace, Grove Spring, Mo.	
Arthur Bailey, Clerk, Plad, Mo.	

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	Tommie Franklin, Desloge, Mo.
Damon Dodd, Elvins, Mo.	Wm Reeves, Fredericktown, Mo.
Ruth La Brot, Flat River, Mo.	Geo. Miller, Fredericktown, Mo.
John Long, Flat River, Mo.	J. L. Yancy, Fredericktown, Mo.
Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.	J. M. Henderson, Mill Creek, Mo.
C. E. Wood, Fredericktown, Mo.	D. S. Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Mark Lewis, Leadington, Mo.	Chas. Moyers, Marquand, Mo.
W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.	Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.
P. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.	J. L. Newburn, St. Louis, Mo.
L. A. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.	S. V. Simmons, Mill Creek, Mo.
L. N. Beard, Bismarck, Mo.	S. M. Ferguson, Flat River, Mo.
J. P. Magee, Mill Creek, Mo.	Chas. Canterbury, Knoblick, Mo.
J. D. Flannery, Farmington, Mo.	
O. B. Womack, Clerk, Leadington, Mo.	

NORTHWEST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

E. T. House, Goodson, Mo.	T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby, Mo.
W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo.	John McKown, Locksprings, Mo.
J. S. Camon, Bethany, Mo.	Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.	
Eld. Miss Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.	

UNION ASSOCIATION

Fred Marler,	Cedar Gap, Mo.	W. E. George,	Norwood, Mo.
Clarence Ussery,	Norwood, Mo.	L. T. Koch,	Bucyrus, Mo.
O. L. Allen,	Mt'n Grove, Mo.	Reuel Parker,	Mt'n Grove, Mo.
H. A. Higby,	Yukon, Mo.	Gilbert Thomas,	Niangua, Mo.
H. M. Cope,	Bucyrus, Mo.	G. W. Scott, Sr.,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
Geo. Cox, R1,	Mt. Grove, Mo.	Oliver Letterman, R3,	Ava, Mo.
L. J. Gearing,	Mt. Grove, Mo.	H. T. Massey,	Drewery, Mo.
N. E. Snyder,	Huggins, Mo.	O. C. Keller,	Norwood, Mo.
A. W. Gardner,	Bendavis, Mo.	H. T. Edwards,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
W. E. Crain,	Tyrone, Mo.	G. W. Scott, Jr.,	Mt. Grove, Mo.
John Mace,	Niangua, Mo.	John W. Oxley,	Cabool, Mo.
John Ratterree,	Graff, Mo.	T. B. Marler,	Ava, Mo.
J. E. Burney,	Hartville, Mo.	L. C. Claxton,	Gr. Spring, Mo.
A. M. Halford,	Ava, Mo.	Herbert Vandivort,	Cabool, Mo.
E. E. Vestal,	Grove Spring, Mo.	O. H. Richardson,	Success, Mo.
Archie Hogul,	Tarkio, Mo.	Emmet Detherage,	Ava, Mo.
J. W. Moore,	Grove Spring, Mo.	Claud Smith,	Macomb, Mo.
W. M. Ballard,	Cabool, Mo.	C. W. Edward,	Hartville, Mo.
Moses Johnson,	Mt. Grove, Mo.	William Mishler,	Norwood, Mo.
Clyde Wilson,	Graff, Mo.	O. H. Bass,	Macomb, Mo.
H. M. Cope,	Bucyrus, Mo.	Verl Tate (Licensed),	Graff,
Fielden Ward,	Hartville, Mo.	Grover Cravens,	Hartville, Mo.
E. L. Jones, Clerk, Hartville, Mo.			

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

N. Combs,	Couch, Mo.	Elmer Hodges,	Alton, Mo.
C. H. Williams,	Myrtle, Mo.	H. H. Beatty,	Thayer, Mo.
T. J. Dunkin,	Myrtle, Mo.	C. R. Bryan,	Couch, Mo.
H. C. Crase,	Myrtle, Mo.	E. E. Simpson,	Alton, Mo.
W. P. Stogdill,	Alton, Mo.	J. R. W. Harbison,	Myrtle, Mo.
Billie Rogers,	Myrtle, Mo.	J. M. McGehee,	Myrtle, Mo.
C. A. Dodson,	Alton, Mo.	J. E. Rolan,	Thayer, Mo.
B. H. Woodring,	Alton, Mo.	W. M. Johnson,	Alton, Mo.
J. E. S. Pentecost, Koshkonong, Mo.			
Adrian Jenkins, Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.			

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

C. A. Phillips,	Stahl, Mo.	Archie Cooper,	Stahl, Mo.
C. M. Dauber,	Stahl, Mo.	Vernie Wellbaum,	Greentop, Mo.
Noel Turner,	Greentop, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum,	Greentop, Mo.
S. H. Marcum,	Cameron, Mo.	C. E. Mann,	Queen City, Mo.
J. F. Duckworth, Angels Camp, Calif.			

Licensed Ministers

Monte Peterson, Greentop, Mo. Cassie M. Kelsey, Greentop, Mo.
Monte Peterson, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. and S. E. KANSAS ASSOCIATION

Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Ks. T. L. York, Lafontaine, Ks.
Ruth Garner, ———, Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Ks.
Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo. J. T. Williams, Greenfield Mo.
Mrs. Zola Truskett, Clerk, R2, Liberal, Mo.

INDIAN CREEK ASSOCIATION

B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo. Cecil Campbell, Cartersville, Mo.
W. B. Fredrick, Monett, Mo. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Frank Linton, Stella, Mo. L. R. Black, Cassville, Mo.
Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo. John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.
John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo. A.M. Walgamott, Stark City, Mo.
Sam Stafford, Purdy, Mo. Mrs. Bertha Stafford, Purdy, Mo.
B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo. C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.
Joe Brooks, Cassville, Mo. Mrs. Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.

Everett Wilson, 23 State Street, Emporia, Ks. -
G. A. Garner, Dos Palos, Calif.

Licensed Ministers

Delbert Sanders, Monett, Mo. Ted Balls, Goodman, Mo.
Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo. Margaret Timmons, Monett, Mo.
C.M. Hatfield, Pierce City, Mo. Mrs. D. T. McKee, Neosho, Mo.
Delmer Cochran, Purdy, Mo. Eddie Jones, Monett, Mo.
Eld. John B. Rollins, Clerk, Purdy, Mo.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Reported for 1936

W. W. Butts, Stover, Mo. J. R. Reid, Abo, Mo.
A. J. Chambers, Orla, Mo. Bland Massey, Competition, Mo.
Roy Jones, Oakland, Mo. R. W. Bingham, Dry Knob, Mo.
Wm. Sheets, Orla, Mo. D. O. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.
Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo. C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon, Mo.
T. J. Peterson, Oakland, Mo. W. F. Millard, Lebanon, Mo.
S. N. Reid, Abo, Mo. Lem Waterman, Eldridge, Mo.
L. H. Jones, Falcon, Mo. C. E. Butts, Climax Springs, 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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and new Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

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

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 offices 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 or 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.