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OFFICERS

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Ass't. Mod.	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't.-Clerk,	Eld. Alvin Halbrook,	Leadington, Mo.
Statistician,	Eld. J. B. Rollins,	Purdy, Mo.

State Secretary of Foreign Missions

Eld. Winford Davis, R1, Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. C. B. Dees,	Flat River, Mo.,	1943
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.,	1942
Eld. Arlie Hoover,	Arcadia, Kans.,	1941
Eld. C. M. Dauber, ...	Novinger, Mo.,	1940
Dea. M. H. White,	Plattsburg, Mo.,	1939

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. James F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Purdy, Mo.
Eld. E. T. House,	Gower, Mo.
Bro. John H. Peterson,	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. J. F. Mikel,	Greentop, Mo.
Bro. M. H. White,	Plattsburg, Mo.
Eld. Harry Beatty,	Thayer, Mo.
Eld. Selph Jones,	Mansfield, Mo.

STATE MISSION PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Mission Association met with the Green Grove Church near Kirksville, Mo., Monday night, Sept. 26, 1938.

Meeting opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Turner.

Welcome address by Eld. C. M. Dauber, pastor of the entertaining church.

Response given by Eld. F. C. Zinn of Purdy, Mo.

Prayer led by Eld. O. T. Allred.

An Introductory Sermon of power, inspiration and encouragement was delivered by Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Mo. His text was Nehemiah 4:2.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Vice President, Sister Eunice Miller.

Song service led by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Prayer led by Eld. Melba White.

Scripture reading from the 4th chapter of St. John, by Sister Ruth La Brot.

Reports received and delegates seated from Indian Creek, Northwest Mo., Northeast Mo., Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kans. Associations.

Local reports were read from Desloge, Mine La Mott, Old Bethel, Twin Oaks, Flat River and Hannon Junior and Senior Missions.

Motion carried to suspend the order of business and seat Sisters Lottie Marshall, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Brooks as delegates from Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kansas Association.

Motion carried to receive the petitionary letter from Southeast Mo. Yearly Meeting and accept them into the State Home Mission Associational body.

Election of Officers

President,	Eunice Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Vice Pres.,	Mrs. A. W. Hartley,	Arcola, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.	Esther Apple,	906 Rinker, Aurora, Mo

Minutes read of last year's meeting.

Financial report read and approved.

Motion carried to send Bro Willey \$5.00

Motion carried to give Secretary \$5.00

Motion carried to have a prearranged program from henceforth, and that the President appoint a committee for the same. Committee: Melba White, Kathryn Dauber and Winford Davis.

Motion carried that officers prepare blanks for Associational reports to the State Mission Association.

Motion carried to give \$5.00 to Green Grove Church for the entertainment fund.

Motion carried to give our president \$5.00

Motion carried to give \$5.00 to Publishing House fund.

Motion carried that corresponding delegates be sent to represent our state at the National Associational Womens' Work.

Sisters Tommie Franklin, Belva Zinn, Eunice Miller were appointed as delegates to National Association.

At this time the badges were distributed.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Union Third Fork Church, Monday night after the fourth Sunday in September, 1939.

Eunice Miller, President.

Esther Apple, Secretary.

Financial Report

Bal. brought forward from 1937 \$16.09

Paid out during 1937-38 2.68

Balance \$13.41

Received during 1938 46.86

Total receipts \$60.27

Paid out during Ass'n. \$25.00

Paid on Publishing House 20.00

Balance in treasury \$15.27

STATE LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE

Called to order by Assistant President, Eld. Alvin Halbrook, on Tuesday at 11:00 a. m., Sept. 27, 1938.

Prayer by Eld. Cecil Horner.

Message by Eld. William Reeves. Text, Exodus 4:2.
"What in that in thine hand?"

Adjournment for lunch.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Came together at 1:30 o'clock.

The State President, Eld. Cecil Campbell, being absent, the Vice President, Eld. Alvin Halbrook presided over the meeting.

Opening song, "I AM Thine, O Lord," directed by Eld. F. C. Zinn, Miss Evelyn Jefferson pianist.

Scripture reading, Jer. 2:1-13, by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Prayer by Eld. Frank Linton.

Letters from League Associations called for, and the following leagues responded: Southeast Missouri, Indian Creek and Niangua.

All letters were accepted and delegates seated.

A motion then passed giving all league members present a seat in council.

A verbal report was given concerning the Young People's work in Central Western and S. E. Kans. Ass'n.

Bro. and Sister Marshall were seated as visiting members from Neola Church.

A verbal report of field worker, Eld. C. B. Dees, was received, and Bro. Dees was re-elected as field worker for another year.

Report of Sec.-Treasurer read and approved.

Election of Officers

President,	Eld. Alvin Halbrook,	Leadington, Mo.
Vice President,	Eld. W. K. Weston,	Monett, Mo.
Sec.-Treas.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't Sec'y,	Sister Esther Apple,	Aurora, Mo.
Member Executive Board for a term of three years.		
	Sister Doris Turner,	Granby, Mo.

At this time Eld. C. E. Mann was elected State League Reporter, each local league to report to him.

Motion carried that the State Executive Board pre-

pare blanks for reports to State League Association.

Motion carried to appoint a program committee to prepare program for the State meeting, and that the State League officers compose the committee.

Sister Tommie Franklin was chosen to preach the League sermon at the 1939 session.

At this time an impromptu program was given.

The Halbrook Brothers brought a very spiritual message in song.

Eld. W. K. Weston led an old fashioned praise service, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Eld. Alvin Halbrook, President.

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

Report of Secretary-Treasurer

Amount carried over from 1937.....	\$6.73
For 1937 minutes	2.65

Balance on hand	\$4.08
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Received from Southeast Mo:	\$6.75
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Received from Niangua50
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Received from Indian Creek	2.95
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Sale of League Manuals20
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10.40

Total receipts	\$14.48
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Given to Publishing House fund	10.00
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Balance on hand	\$ 4.48
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Eld. O. T. Allred, Treas.

Program for State League Meeting, 1939.

Eld. Tommie Franklin to bring the League message.

Routine of Business.

Receiving letters and seating delegates.

Election of officers.

Subjects to be Discussed

1. How to Make our League More Spiritual

By Eld. C. B. Dees and Doris Turner, 5 minutes each.

2. Best way to Get New Members.

By Eld. Kenneth Turner and Ruby Wood, 5 min. ea.

3. Best way to Keep League Members Interested.

By Eld. J. F. Miller and Esther Apple, 5 minutes each.

ASSOCIATIONAL PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met in its 25th Annual Session with the Green Grove Church, Tuesday night, September 27, 1938.

Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. James F. Miller of Flat River, Mo. Service opened by singing and prayer.

Introductory Sermon by Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. Text, 1 Sam. 7:12. A splendid sermon was given which was enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Opened by singing and prayer.

Scripture reading, 1 Cor. 13, by the Moderator.

Letters read and delegates seated from the following Associations: Northwest Mo., Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kans., Cave Spring, Indian Creek, Southeast Mo., Northeast Mo., and Liberty.

Visiting Christians were invited to seats in council.

Election of 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. Alvin Halbrook,	Leadington, Mo.
Statistician,	Eld. J. B. Rollins,	Purdy, Mo.
Member Ex. Board,	Eld. C. B. Dees,	Flat River, Mo.

Members of Publication Committee

Eld. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
Eld. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Sec. Foreign Missions, Eld. Winford Davis, Monett Mo.

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

Committee on Committees: Elders Harry Beatty, Winford Davis, C. M. Dauber.

Special prayer for World Peace was offered by Eld. T. C. Ferguson.

Intermission.

* WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo. Text, Rom. 12:1-2. A very wonderful message was delivered and enjoyed by all.

Partial report of Committee on Committees was read and accepted.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Opened by singing, Scripture reading by Moderator, and prayer.

Report of Committee on Location read and received.

Registration of Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Visitors.

Adjournment.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. Melvin Bingham of Tulsa, Okla. Text, Heb. 11:7. Subject, "Moving With Fear." A very powerful and stirring message was delivered, and greatly enjoyed by an audience of approximately 700 people.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Opened by singing, Scripture reading and prayer.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive the newly organized Liberty Association as a member of this body, and seat the delegates.

Letter read and received from Niangua Association.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Committee on Denominational Enterprise.

At this time, an offering was given on the Publishing House Program amounting to several hundred dollars (exact amount recorded further on in this minute).

Adjournment.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The stand was filled by Elders Alvin and Albert Halbrook of Leadington, Mo. Text, 2 Cor. 5:20. Subject, "Ambassadors for Christ."

Wonderful messages were delivered and were highly appreciated by a large audience.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Opened by singing, Scripture reading and prayer.

The offering on the Publishing House was resumed. The entire amount raised in cash and pledges was \$1,400.00.

At this time, a prayer of thanks was offered, led by the editor of the "Gem," Eld. B. F. Brown.

Motion carried to accept the report of State Evangelist, Eld. Sam H. Marcum.

Motion carried to re-elect Eld. Sam H. Marcum as State Evangelist.

Motion carried to accept the report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to accept the partial report of the Committee on Business.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 and 2 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Executive Board and commend them for their service.

Eld. Cecil Campbell was delegated to preach the Introductory sermon at the next session of the Missouri State Association, with Eld. John B. Rollins alternate. Adjournment.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. W. K. Weston of Monett, Missouri. Text, Gen. 3:22. A very spiritual message was delivered in the presence of approximately 1,200 people.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Opened with singing, Scripture reading by Mod. and prayer.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to accept items No. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Business Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt items No. 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Business Committee.

Report of Temperance Committee read and adopted.
Motion carried to have Temperance report published in the Gem.

Item No. 9 of Business Committee read and adopted.
Sunday School Committee report read and adopted.
Motion carried to adopt the recommendations of the Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to accept the Southeast Missouri Sunday School Convention report.

Sister Alta Mikel brought a Spirit filled message, acknowledging her call to the ministry.

Recess.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. John B. Rollins of Purdy, Missouri. Text, Rev. 10:3. Subject, "The Seven Thunders Uttered Their Voices." A very inspiring message was delivered, greatly enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator. Opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer.

Motion carried to adopt a further report of Sunday School Committee, and at this time Eld. Wm. Reeves of Fredericktown, Mo. was elected State Sunday School field worker.

Motion carried to purchase the furnace front from the cook, L. M. Davis.

Letter of greetings to the State Association from Bro. C. M. Hendricks was read.

Motion carried that the Clerk write Brother C. M. Hendricks a card of appreciation.

Motion carried to accept Treasurer's report.

An offering for the Budget Fund was taken up, which amounted to \$16.38.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Missouri on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in October, 1939.

Eld. Jas. F. Miller, Moderator.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk-Treasurer.

Eld. Alvin Halbrook, Ass't Clerk.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Free Will Baptist Gem was presented by Elder John B. Rollins and subscriptions were taken.

The stand was filled by State Evangelist, Eld. Sam H. Marcum of Cameron, Missouri. Lesson read, Gen. first chapter. Subject, "God's Divine Ownership." A powerful and inspiring message was delivered to a very large audience of approximately 1,200 people.

Many beautiful and inspiring special numbers were rendered throughout the Association. Special singing was a feature in practically every session.

Those taking part in special numbers were as follows: Elders Alvin and Albert Halbrook, Eld. and Mrs. Zinn, Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner, Evelyn Jefferson, Oral Buchanan, Jesse Peterson, Alfred Peterson, Frank Mikel, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Speak, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Stevens, Church of God Trio from Kirksville, Rainbow Ramblers, Mrs. C. M. Dauber, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Mildred Lay, Wendell Lay, Basil Reynolds, Sylvia Sivets, Velma Dine, Edna Mae Matthews, Green Grove Quartet, Fearful Four, and Winford Davis.

Acting song leaders were Eld. Kenneth Turner, Eld. Noel Turner, Eld. F. C. Zinn and Eld. J. F. Miller.

Acting pianists were Evelyn Jefferson, Elaine Turner, Alueta Bingham of Tulsa, Okla., Louise Buchanan, Alberta Novinger, Allie Peterson, Gloria Stevens and Helen La Brot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business—We, your Committee on Business, submit the following:

First. Be it Resolved, That we state in our By-Laws the number of delegates to be sent from Local Associations to the State Association.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That the number of delegates to the State Association be one delegate for the Association and, in addition, one delegate for every 50 resident members or major fraction thereof.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the National Association to vote for the movement to represent by states direct to the National Association.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That the Missouri State Association join with the Northeast Missouri Association in expressing our thanks to the Hazel Creek Association of Predestinarian Baptist for the use of the cook tent.

No. 5—Be it Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the Stock Company of Indian Creek Association for the use of the Gospel tent.

No. 6—Be it Resolved, That we give a standing vote of thanks to the Northeast Missouri Association and all others who helped entertain this sitting of the State Association.

No. 7—Be it Resolved, That we give the officers of this Association a standing vote of thanks for their faithful, fair, and untiring service.

No. 8—Be it Resolved, That we give a standing vote of appreciation to Mrs. Grace I. Brown for her faithful, untiring service in making it possible for us to have the Free Will Baptist Gem.

No. 9—Be it Resolved, That we give a vote of thanks to Roland Elsea and Frank Lawson for their help in discounting the products sold to the Entertaining Committee for the entertainment of this Association.

Committee { O. T. Allred,
George E. Jeffries,
A. W. Hartley,
Blaine Matthews,
John B. Rollins.

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

After the reading of the Associational reports, we feel it an appropriate time to offer a prayer of gratitude for the way our people have responded to the support of our Foreign Missionary Program, also remembering our missionaries, especially Bro. Willey and family.

We recommend that each church in the state, that does not already have a plan, set aside one Sunday in each month to take the entire Sunday school offering for Foreign Missions, that Sunday to be on a regular preaching day.

We suggest that a list of names of the churches who adhere to this plan be carried in each issue of the "Gem."

We recommend that, since Bro. Willey's salary has been increased from \$100.00 to \$150.00 per month, each auxiliary of the church sponsor some plan to help raise this increased amount.

Committee { Tommie Franklin,
Doris Turner,
Melba White,
Alvin Halbrook,
Kenneth Turner.

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

Since we have agreed and obligated ourselves to raise \$2500.00 by November 1, 1938, and, finding that more than \$1000.00 of this amount is still needed to make up the \$2500.00,

We therefore recommend that steps be taken here and now to raise the rest of this amount.

We suggest that cash gifts and offerings be taken now.

Committee { Winford Davis,
B. F. Brown,
Sam H. Marcum,
Eunice A. Miller,
Gladys E. Fillmer.

Sunday School — Inasmuch as we feel that our Sunday school work is not emphasized enough in our state, we the Sunday School Committee, recommend to the Mo. State Association that a Sunday school field worker be appointed or elected to co-operate with the local field workers and receive reports from local Associational field workers to make a general report of State Sunday School work to the Genl.

Committee { Elmer B. Stegall,
Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
David D. Homan,
Mrs. Harry Beatty,
Esther Apple.

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

We advise that we as Free Will Baptist stand with greater courage against the things that cause us to be intemperate, that affect us physically, morally and spiritually.

We further recommend that we abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages, intoxicating liquor, and narcotics, discouraging the sale of the same, also refraining as far as possible from patronizing the places of business selling these evils.

We also recommend that we oppose the use of tobacco, unwholesome literature, gambling devices, theaters, dancefloors, and abstain from all appearances of evil.

Committee { Eld. Harry Beatty,
Eld. Albert Halbrook,
Kathryn Dauber,
Lottie Marshall,
Jewell Turner.

Location — We, your Committee on Location, recommend that the Missouri State Association meet with the Union Third Fork Church of Northwest Mo. Association in 1939.

Committee { H. H. Filkins,
W. K. Weston,
Ross R. Thomas.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board met at Hannon Free Will Baptist Church, Barton Co., on the third Sunday in March and selected delegates to represent us in the Western General Association at Paintsville, Ky. in July. Eld. F. C. Zinn and Dea. L. C. Wade served as proxies for Eld. C. M. Dauber and Dea. M. H. White.

Ex. Board { Eld. B. F. Brown, Pres.
Eld. Arlie E. Hoover,
Eld. F. C. Zinn,
Dea. L. C. Wade,
Eld. O. T. Allred, Sec.

Report of Southeast Mo. Sunday School Convention

The annual statistical report of the Southeast Mo. Sunday School Convention of Free Will Baptist as compiled from reports from the following Sunday schools: Flat River, Leadington, Desloge, Wortham, Ausbury Chapel and St. Louis; from Sept. 1, 1937 to Sept. 1, 1938.

Number of Classes	38
Number of Teachers	38
Total number Officers and Teachers	64
Total Attendance	15,079
Total Enrollment	719
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
No. saved attributed to S. S.	7
Total Cradle Roll	65
Total Bible Readings (chapters)	51,099
Total Offerings	\$326.82
Total Disbursement	250.82
Balance on hand	76.06

This report is made to our State Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Green Grove Church, Sept. 26-30, 1938. Our report this year shows a substantial gain in almost every department. The Flat River Sunday school reports a Foreign Missionary offering for Bro. Willey of \$29.09.

Respectfully submitted,

Dea. O. B. Womack, Clerk-Treas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Publishing House Fund

Amount brought forward \$915.54
Total am't. received, past year 871.95

Balance in treasury \$1,787.49

Foreign Mission Fund

Amount brought forward \$79.84
Total am't. received, past year 350.75

Total \$430.59
Amount paid out 430.59

Budget Fund

Amount brought forward \$55.32
Total am't. received, past year 113.02

Total \$168.34

Disbursed as follows:

For postage \$13.19
Donor's Cer. and Linotype insur. 56.13
For clerk hire 5.00
For stationery 1.25
For state minutes 46.25
Expense of Western Assoc'n. 20.00
For furnace front 1.50

Total disbursements \$143.32

Balance in treasury \$25.02

Missionary Tools Fund

Amount received, past year \$13.82

Balance in treasury \$13.82

Entertainment Fund

Total amount received \$311.72

Total paid out \$311.72

Total bro't forward, all funds \$1,050.70

Total rec'd, all funds 1,661.26

Total paid out, all funds, 885.63

Total balance in treasury \$1,826.33

— Eld. Winford Davis, Treas.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

To the beloved Missouri State Association, which convenes with the Green Grove Church, Sept. 27, 1938.
Greetings in Jesus' dear name:

The following is a report of our work since the last State Association:

Meetings conducted	10
Sermons preached	362
Professions witnessed	222
Number baptized	39
Subs for Gem paper	61
Miles traveled	5,920
Money received	\$636.18

— Sam H. Marcum, Cameron, Mo. R7.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers Present

J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	F. C. Zinn, Purdy, Mo.
O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Mo.	W. R. Rush, Weatherby, Mo.
Vernie Wellbaum, Greentop	W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
John B. Rollins, Purdy, Mo.	Chas. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.
E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Frank Linton, Stella, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown	Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.
George Miller, Fredericktown	Henry Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.
W.B. Fadely, Weatherby, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.
Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans.	Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.
Cecil E. Horner, Bagnel, Mo.	B. F. Brown, Purdy, Mo.
Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.	S. H. Marcum, Cameron, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.	Ruth La Brot, Flat River, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	Alvin Halbrook, Leadington
T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby	Albert Halbrook, Leadington

Eld. Melvin Bingham, wife and daughter of Tulsa, Oklahoma as
corresponding messengers from Oklahoma State Association.

Ordained Deacons Present

Ross R. Thomas, Hannon, Mo.
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo.
Roy Pinkston, Bonne Terre,
A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo.
W. I. Jemes, Fredericktown,
Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.
W. M. Green, Stahl, Mo.
G. Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.
O. A. Gates, Stahl, Mo.
S. A. Davis, Monett, Mo.
J. E. Turner, Granby, Mo.
Geo. E. Jeffries, Pattonsburg,
John Peterson Sr., Greentop,
R. F. Hodges, Worthington,

C. H. Crews, Thayer, Mo.
C. E. Wilkerson, Flat River,
W. E. Pirtle, Esther, Mo.
M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Oscar Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
Bryan Novinger, Stahl, Mo.
Bernice Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Lowell Sharp, Stahl, Mo.
E. J. Byers, Stahl, Mo.
J. F. Mikel, Greentop, Mo.
D. A. Whinery, Stahl, Mo.
H. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
Bert Elsea, Stahl, Mo.
W. S. Byers, Stahl, Mo.
B. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo.

Ministers' Wives Present

Kathryn Dauber
Daisy Marcum
Anna Phillips
Vada Reeves
Rachel Whitehead
Lucille Beatty
Belva Zinn
Verdie Cooper

Lola Long
Ora George
Jewell Turner
Elaine Turner
Frances Weston
Pearl Allred
Eunice Miller

Delegates Enrolled

Chloe Gates, Stahl, Mo.
Jesse Forrest, Desloge, Mo.
Albert Tucker, River Mines,
Cora Phipps, Stahl, Mo.
Leona Thompson, Greentop,
Edith Montgomery, Greentop,
Geo. Hamblen, Flat River, Mo
Gussie Byers, Stahl, Mo.
Dena Sharp, Stahl, Mo.
Isabelle Buchanan, Greentop,
Wilma Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Mrs. W. E. Pirtle, Esther, Mo.
Allie Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
Lea Madden, Connellsville, Mo
Lottie Marshall, Arcola, Mo.
Denmont Marshall, Arcola,
Julia Gammon, Flat River,
Paul M. Smith, Bonne Terre,
Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo
Lola Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
Kathryn Brown, Stahl, Mo.
Susie Crepps, Flat River, Mo.
Jesse Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
Gladys E. Filmer, Niangua,

Dora Homan, Stewartsville,
Hazel Homan, Stewartsville,
Esther La Brot, Flat River,
Ben La Brot, Flat River, Mo.
Dorothy Coffey, Stewartsville,
Elsie Gray, Flat River, Mo.
Hillard Gray, Flat River, Mo.
Alice Brooks,
Fannie Whinery, Stahl, Mo.
Alta Summers, Stahl, Mo.
Velma D. Matthews, Desloge,
Elva Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Nettie Davis, Monett, Mo.
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 Gussie Hamblen, Flat River,
 Irene Wann, Flat River, Mo.
 Pete Wann, Flat River, Mo.
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 Doris Turner, Granby, Mo.
 Christine Eden, Esther, Mo.
 Ruby Wood, Desloge, Mo.
 Ray Martin, Greentop, Mo.
 David Homan, Stewartsville,
 Gertie Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.
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 Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.
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 Stanley Baker
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 Pearl Allred
 Esther Apple
 Eunice Miller
 Tommie Franklin
 Dena Sharp
 Delma Newcomer
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 Mrs. Milford House, Gower,

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 Mrs. Jane Shaffer, Flat River,
 Robert Crepps, Flat River, Mo.
 Berthel Gammon, Flat River,
 Norma La Brot, Flat River,
 Norma Reed, Flat River, Mo.
 Dorothy Reed, Flat River, Mo

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 Elmer Stegall, Desloge, Mo.

Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
 Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Spgs.,

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FREE WILL BAPTIST 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.

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."

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 vacancies occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next session of the Association, who shall perform the following duties: First—Shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the

Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, to be a board of Missions and Church 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. The number of delegates to the State Association shall be one delegate for the Association and in addition, one delegate for every 50 resident members or major fraction thereof.
16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association.