

MINUTES

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

HELD WITH

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Mo., beginning on Monday night, Sept. 25, 1939.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1938 TO JULY 1, 1939

ASSOCIATIONS

	Indian Creek	Liberty	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, 1938	10	10	10	7	5	11	8	13	19	93
No. Churches Reporting	12	10	11	7	4	11	8	15	20	98
Membership, July 1, 1938	834		581	565	203	446	494	1414	511	5,048
New Churches Received	2		1					2	1	6
No. Churches Disbanded										
Churches Without Pastors						1	2			3
Members Received	119		32	38	21	29	27	154	65	485
Number Baptized	84	38	24	22	19	18	19	113	128	465
Dismissed by Letter	12		6	7	2	8	2	64	11	112
Number Excluded	2		10				2	2	1	17
Number Deceased	5	7	3	5	3	3	6	10	9	51
Resident Members	690	570	372	358	136	305	256	1,233	687	4,607
Non-Resident Members	268	148	214	231	66	171	278	325	117	1,818
No. Churches July 1, 1939	12	10	11	7	5	11	8	15	20	99
Membership July 1, 1939	953	718	618	603	224	476	521	1,568	576	6,257
No. Prayer Meetings	8	2	4	3		2	3	9	9	40
Number of Leagues	8	1		4			1	8	2	24
League Membership	224	39		102			20	417	40	742
No. Home Missions	6			3		7		8	2	28
Home Mission Membership	105			78		113		181	35	512
No. Sunday Schools	10	6	9	7		9	4	15	16	76
S. S. Attendance	475		300	455	166	369	181	1,129	842	3,918
Number of Officers	41		19	39	11	44	11	59	55	279
Number of Teachers	54		35	32	12	37	17	71	62	320
Amount Paid Pastors	\$1528.97	\$548.73	\$318.10	\$921.88	\$255.00	\$702.90	\$369.10	\$2,435.68	\$663.66	\$7,745.02
Amount Paid Evangelists	\$399.69		\$114.60	\$291.48	\$103.00	\$237.81	\$139.65	\$400.68	\$89.00	\$1,675.91
Paid for Build'g & Repair	\$940.10		\$94.50	\$102.00	\$20.00	\$71.43	\$85.00	\$386.52	\$52.50	\$1,752.05
Paid for Incidentals	\$336.91		\$27.37	\$125.11	\$41.54	\$113.68	\$55.00	\$843.30	\$16.90	\$1,559.81
Value Church Property	\$15560.00		\$3100.00	\$5000.00	\$2,600.00	\$6,350.00	\$3,200.00	22,642.00	\$8,500.00	\$66,952.00
Paid for Foreign Missions	\$124.70		\$2.00	\$49.60	\$27.68	\$49.48	\$4.00	\$114.47	\$10.00	\$381.93
Paid for Home Missions	\$68.48			\$45.52	\$38.05	\$88.76	\$4.00	\$192.78	\$40.00	\$477.54
Paid for Education	\$5.00							\$57.43	\$10.00	\$72.43
Paid for Publication	\$206.94		\$76.00	\$229.24	\$33.00	\$245.10	\$33.15	\$342.52	\$160.88	\$1,326.83
Budget Money Paid	\$34.34	\$18.85	\$13.50	\$28.85		\$10.05		\$7.00	\$2.20	\$113.99
Minute Money Paid	\$2.50							\$6.85		\$9.35
No. Ordained Ministers	25	10	17	4	4	9	7	26	20	122
No. Licensed Ministers	7			3	1	1		5	3	20
No. Ordained Deacons	24	25	26	35	13	33	20	47	41	254

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THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

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OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. J. 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. J. B. Rollins,	Monett, Mo.
Statistician,	Eld. Wm. Reeves,	Fredericktown, Mo.

State Secretary of Foreign Missions

Eld. Winford Davis Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Henry P. Long,	Phillipsburg, Mo., 1944
Eld. C. B. Dees,	Flat River, Mo., 1943
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Cassville, Mo., 1942
Eld. Arlie Hoover	Arcadia, Kans., 1941
Eld. C. M. Dauber,	Novinger, Mo., 1940

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. James F. Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.
Eld. B. F. Brown,	Cassville, 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 Home Mission Association met in session with the Union Third Fork Church on Monday night, September 25, 1939.

Service opened by singing led by Eld. Winford Davis of Monett, Missouri.

Welcome address by Eld. Kenneth Turner, pastor of the entertaining church.

Response by Eld. J. B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.

Scripture reading; Psalms 133.

Prayer led by Eld. Mary Welbaum.

Special song; "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me" by Fredericktown quarett.

Rev. T. H. Willey, returned missionary from Panama, delivered the message of the evening. Text: 1 Corthians 16:9. Each heart present felt a renewal of zeal in the missionary work.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by President, Mrs. Eunice Miller.

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

Prayer led by Eld. Melba White.

Special song; "Zion's Hill".

Scripture reading; Acts 19:1-22, read by Sister Blaine Matthews of Desloge, Missouri.

Prayer led by Eld. J. F. Miller of Flat River, Mo.

Reports received and delegates seated from Indian Creek, Hannon, Southeast Mo., Union Third Fork, and Northeast Mo. Missions.

Report of Treasurer read.

Minutes read of last year's meeting.

Election of Officers

President,	Mrs. Eunice Miller,	Flat River, Mo.
Vice Pres.,	Melba White,	Plattsburg, Mo.
Sec'y-Treas.,	Esther Apple,	Aurora, Mo.

Motion carried to pledge our support to Bro. Davis or whomsoever the State Association will endorse in Home Mission and Church Extension work.

Motion carried that we pay:
 Bro. Brown \$10.00
 President \$10.00
 Secretary-Treasurer \$10.00
 Entertainment Fund \$5.00
 National Association of Women's Work \$8.80
 Foreign Missions \$10.00

Eld. J. B. Rollins elected to preach introductory sermon next year.

Committee for Program — Eunice Miller, Melba White and Esther Apple.

Delegates to National Association of Women's work: Belva Zinn, Doris Rollins, Pearl Allred, Daisy Marcum and Melba White.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Financial Report

Balance on hand, 1938	\$15.27
Paid out during year	5.64
Balance	\$9.63
Received during 1939	78.57
Total receipts	\$88.20
Paid out during Association:	
Foreign Missions	\$10.00
Bro. Brown	10.00
State President	10.00
Secretary	10.00
Entertainment fund	5.00
National work	8.80
Church Extension; Home Mission	15.00
Total Paid out	68.80
Balance in treasury	\$19.40

State League Proceedings

League service began at 1:30 o'clock, Tuesday, by singing "Loyalty To Christ"; led by Eld. F. C. Zinn with Eld. John Swaffar as pianist.

In absence of the League President, Eld. Albert Hallbrook, Vice President, Eld. W. K. Weston, presided over the meeting.

Scripture reading; Psalms 23.

Prayer by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Roy Lee Hancock gave a guitar special.

League letters called for and the following responded: Indian Creek (letter was received later); Southeast Missouri, verbal report by Eld. C. B. Dees. Niangua, by letter; Hannon, verbal report by Marie Thomas; and Independance, verbal report.

Talk by Sister Doris Rollins on "How to make our League Spiritual"; also a talk by Eld. C. B. Dees. Both gave very interesting talks.

Song, "The River of Time" by Eld. John Swaffar and Eld. Winford Davis.

Talk, "Best way to get new members" by Bro. Kenneth Turner; also by others. Spirituality was the theme of each of these talks.

Song, "Wonderful Friend of Mine" by John Swaffar and Dorothy Bush.

Song by quartet from Southeast Mo. Association.

Topic: "Best way to keep League members interested" by Esther Apple and James F. Miller. Also very interesting talks were given by Eld. Melvin Pingham, Eld. J. R. Davidson and Sister Lizzie McAdams.

Election of Officers

President,	W. K. Weston,	Monett, Mo.
Vice President,	Lindell Pruitt,	Fredericktown, Mo.
Sec.-Treas.,	O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Member Executive Board for a term of three years,	Anthony Burcham,	Flat River, Mo.

Report of Field Worker, C. B. Dees.
Sister Melba White elected field worker for coming year.

Report of Secretary-Treasurer.

Damon Dodd chosen to preach League sermon at the 1940 session; Sister Melba White, alternate.

Adjourned to meet with the Niangua church in 1940.

Financial Report

Balance from 1938	None
Money received this year:	
From Southeast Mo.	\$4.00
From Indian Creek	5.15
From Niangua League	1.10
Total receipts	\$10.25
Paid on state indebtedness to Eld. B. F. Brown	5.00
Balance on hand	\$5.25

Associational Proceedings

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist met in its 26th Annual Session with the Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Missouri, Tuesday night September 26, 1939.

Meeting was called to order by the moderator, Eld. J. F. Miller, Flat River, Missouri.

Opened by singing and prayer. A number of special numbers were rendered.

Introductory Sermon was delivered by Eld. J. B. Rollins. Text: 1 Tim. 4:16. An able and interesting message was delivered and enjoyed by all.

Temporary Pulpit Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Eld. Kenneth Turner, Dea. M. H. White and Dea. C. W. Ricketts.

Eld. Lizzie McAdams was selected to bring the message at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday a. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

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

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

Scripture read by Moderator from 1 Peter 4.

Prayer by Bro. Willey.

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

Motion carried to proceed with business with the standing delegates and the elected delegates present.

Before the election of officers the body was led in prayer by Eld. C. M. Dauber.

Election of Officers

Moderator,	Eld. J. 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. J. B. Rollins,	Monett, Mo.
Member Ex. Board,	Eld. Henry Long,	Phillipsburg, Mo.

Moderator appointed Committee on Committees as follows: Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. Henry Long, Eld. John Swaffar and Eld. O. T. Allred.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing.

Prayer by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

The stand was filled by Eld. Lizzie McAdams. Text: Rev. 1:10. A spiritual and arousing message was ably delivered and enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator.

Opened by singing.

Scripture read by Eld. C. M. Dauber from Rom. 12.

Prayer by Eld. Henry Long.

At this time the enrollment was taken.

According to the arrangements of the Education Committee; at this time, Eld. Melvin Bingham, pastor of the Free Will Baptist church of Tulsa, Okla., and member of the Nation Board of Education, took the stand and delivered a powerful message. The message was direct in line with the educational movement. Text; Psalms 90:2.

After this message the Moderator, Eld. James F. Miller, delivered a short but earnest and direct message in the interest of the same cause.

After these messages Eld. J. R. Davidson, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas and Chairman-Treas. of the National Board of Education, took the stand and made an intensive, earnest appeal in behalf of a National Free Will Baptist School. An offering to the amount of \$132.00 was taken in the midst of much enthusiasm.

A handshake of fellowship was extended to the visiting and corresponding messengers.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing and a stirring praise service conducted by Eld. Lizzie McAdams.

Scripture reading and prayer led by Eld. Henry Long of Phillipsburg, Missouri.

A number of special songs were rendered.

The stand was then filled by Eld. J. R. Davidson of Bryan, Texas. Text; Exodus 10:9-25. A marvelous message was ably delivered to a large audience, and was greatly appreciated.

At the close of the service, Eld. T. H. Willey, missionary from Panama, showed some of his motion pictures of the jungle Indians. They were greatly enjoyed.

THURSDAY MORNING SERVICE

Meeting called to order by Moderator.

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Dr. John H. Wolfe of Pawnee City, Nebr.

Devotional by Dr. Wolfe in the form of teaching.

Minutes read and received.

Further enrollment taken.

Motion carried to receive report of joint committees, which consists of State Publication Committee, State Executive Board, and also to receive report of Executive Board.

Motion carried to authorize treasurer to pay the balance due Eld. B. F. Brown out of State Budget Fund.

Motion carried to receive financial report of Eld. J. B. Rollins, editor of the "Free Will Baptist Gem."

Motion carried to receive report of State Evangelist, Eld. S. H. Marcum of Cameron, Mo. Bro. Marcum and his wife were commended for their work during the past year. They were retained for the coming year.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician Eld. J. B. Rollins. In accepting the resignation of Eld. Rollins, Eld. William Reeves was elected as state statistician.

Motion carried that the next session of the Missouri State Association be held with the Free Will Baptist church of Niangua, Missouri. Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo., is to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. W. R. Rush, Weatherby, Mo., alternate.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Publication Committee and Executive Board for their faithful work in getting the new publishing house erected and equipped. The editor extended an invitation to all to visit the Gem office at any time.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Service opened by singing.

Devotional service by Eld. Mary Wellbaum reading Rev. 2:1-7.

Prayer by Eld. Lizzie McAdams.

Some special numbers were rendered.

The stand was filled by Eld. James F. Miller, speaking through Eld. S. H. Marcum's loud speaker. Text; Acts 20: 28. A very pointed and interesting message was delivered and enjoyed by all.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened by singing.

Devotional by Eld. D. Selph Jones, reading for scripture lesson Isa. 53.

Prayer by Eld. J. B. Rollins.

Motion carried to receive statistical and financial report of State Sunday School Supervisor, Eld. Wm. Reeves, and retain him in the same office for the ensuing year.

Motion carried to receive report of Sunday School Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried that each local Association be required to make a full obituary report to the State Association each year, thereby enabling the state body to make a complete and impartial report.

Mission report read and discussed. Pledges of \$1.00 per month were taken to support Home Missions. Twelve pledges were received.

Motion carried to let Home Mission secretary take charge of the money.

Motion carried to table this issue until next day.

Motion carried to accept Education Committee report for discussion by items.

Motion carried to adopt as a whole.

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

Item No. 2 of Business Committee accepted by motion.

Adjournment prayer by Eld. W. K. Weston.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service was opened at 7:00 o'clock by singing.
Devotional service led by Eld. Frank Linton.

Scripture lesson read from John 12:1-8.

Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

Several special numbers were rendered.

The stand was filled by Eld. T. H. Willey, Free Will Baptist Missionary from Panama. Text: Mark 14:3-11. A most wonderful message was delivered with the power of the Holy Spirit of God in the presence of a very large audience.

At the close of the message one soul was saved and six others came for consecration.

An offering was taken for missions to the amount of \$59.88.

At this time the missionary, Rev. Willey, was presented with a nice new suit of clothes which was purchased by the people of this body; the money being made up on the ground. Also, \$12.65 in cash was left after the purchase of the suit which was designated as a present for Mrs. Willey.

After this procedure Rev. Willey showed his motion pictures of the jungle Indians of Panama which were greatly enjoyed.

All departed for their places of stay at a late hour feeling in their hearts that they had really gone up in the Mount of Transfiguration experience.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting opened by singing. Scripture reading by the Moderator, James 1:1-12. Prayer by S. H. Marcum

Minutes were read and approved.

Discussion of the report of the Committee on Missions was resumed, and the taking of pledges continued for the support of home missions. Monthly pledges \$4.00.

Motion carried that the delegates of this body carry the home mission plan back to the various local organization; using all the influence possible to secure support for it.

Discussion of the report of the Committee on Education was resumed.

Motion carried to appoint three solicitors, and endorse the Board of Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting to raise funds for the Educational Program.

Motion carried that these solicitors be furnished official receipt books.

Motion carried to receive the financial report of the Secretary-Treasurer.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Meeting opened by singing. Devotional led by Eld. John Swaffar; reading Heb. 12. Prayer by Bro. Dow Clift.

Some special numbers were rendered, after which the stand was filled by Eld. D. Selph Jones of Mausfield, Mo. Text: 1 Cor. 4:9.

A wonderful message was delivered and greatly enjoyed by all, and was followed by an old fashioned handshaking and an outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Devotional led by Eld. John B. Rollins; reading 1 Tim. 2. Prayer by Eld. S. A. Hand.

Moderator appointed solicitors to raise funds for the Educational Program as follows:

Eld. Henry P. Long, Phillipsburg, Mo., for Laclede County, Niangua, Liberty, and Cave Spring Assoc'ns.

Eld. C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Mo., for the Northeast and Northwest Missouri Associations.

Eld. John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo., for Indian Creek and Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Associations.

The Board of Education in Southeast Mo. Y. M. — which consists of Eld. C. B. Dees, Eld. Albert Halbrook, and Bro. Le Roy Miller — to work in Southeast Missouri. This Board is approved by this body.

Motion carried that these solicitors be given 10% of the money they raise for their expenses.

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

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

Motion carried to accept report of Publication Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt item No 1 of Publication Com

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to pay the clerk an extra \$5.00.

The clerk was authorized to send a card of sympathy to Eld. Miss Tommie Franklin, former pastor at Desloge, Mo., who is now in a hospital in Texas.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to Rev. Victor Hadley for his liberal help in furnishing electrical equipment for the entertaining of this Association.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint delegates to the National Association. Delegates were appointed as follows: Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. J. F. Miller, Esther Peterson, Mrs. S. H. Marcum, Mrs. Kenneth Turner, Mrs. Ben Dees, M. H. White, Will Pirtle, Lloyd Jefferies, and Mrs. Henry Long. These delegates have permission to send a proxy in case they can't attend.

Motion carried that the money left in the entertainment fund be left with the host church for their own use.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet during the week following the 4th Sunday in September, 1940 with the Niangua Church, Niangua, Mo.

Dismissed in Prayer by the Moderator.

Eld. James F. Miller, Moderator

Eld. Winford Davis, Sec-Treas.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

At 7:00 p. m., the services opened by singing.

The Moderator and the Editor presented the Free Will Baptist Gem, and a number of subs were secured.

Devotional service led by Eld. Winford Davis: briefly discussing the 35th chapter of Jeremiah.

Prayer by Deacon A. W. Hartley.

Some special numbers were rendered, after which the stand was filled by the State Evangelist, Eld. Sam H. Marcum. Text: James 1:22. A powerful and interesting message was delivered and greatly appreciated by a large audience.

Dismissed in prayer by Moderator, J. F. Miller,

Special Music Program

Special song numbers in the form of quartets, duets, and solos were rendered throughout the entire session by the following named persons which added much to the spiritual blessing and entertainment of the people: Eld. S. A. Hand, Lindell Pruitt, Eld. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Eld. John Swaffar, Miss Dorothy Bush, Eld. and Mrs. Gilbert, Miss Darlyene Baker, Miss Mumford, Eld. J. F. Miller, Miss Helen LaBrot, Jessie Peterson, Eld. D. Selph Jones, John Keeney, Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. and Mrs. Noel Turner, Louise Buchanan and Ralph Gregory; a reading by Miss Dorothy Lovell. Also two songs were rendered by some members of the Glee Club of the Easton Missouri High School led by Miss Mumford.

Pianists serving throughout the session were Lindell Pruitt, Eld. John Swaffar, Mrs. Hazel Swaffar, and Louise Buchanan.

Song leaders serving were Elders S. A. Hand, F. C. Zinn, Winford Davis, and J. C. Swaffar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee on Committees

BUSINESS — Eld. O. T. Allred, Eld. Henry Long, Dea. A. W. Hartley, Dea. H. H. Filkins, and Dea. Blaine Matthews.

EDUCATION — Winford Davis, C. M. Dauber and C. B. Dees. Associates, J. R. Davidson, Melvin Bingham and J. F. Miller.

MISSIONS — Eld. F. C. Zinn, Sister Matthews, and Ross Thomas.

PUBLICATION — J. B. Rollins, Eunice Miller and Roena Thomas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — Eld. Wm. Reeves, Sister Ora George, and Eld. Frank Linton.

DIVINE SERVICE — Eld. Kenneth Turner, Sister Ora George and Sister Hazel Swaffar.

SPECIAL MUSIC — Eld. W. K. Weston, Eld. Archie Cooper and Eld. Vernie Wellbaum.

OBITUARY — Rev. Miss Melba White, Sister Chloe Gates, and Rev. Sam H. Marcum.

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

No. 1—Be it Resolved, That this body, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist, recommend the organization of ministers' and deacons' meeting in each local association to meet quarterly; at which meetings, subjects on the doctrine and policy of the Free Will Baptist church be studied and discussed.

We also recommend, that where it is possible to secure the co-operation, to include Sunday School superintendent and teachers in the conferences.

We further recommend that this body appoint a committee to recommend two or more books to be used in connection with the Bible in these meetings.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That this body, the Missouri State Association, extend its sympathy to the family of Bro. E. T. House, Bro. J. E. Turner and all other of our family's whom the death angel has visited during the year.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That this body extend a vote of thanks to the Union Third Fork church and community the Northwest Association and all others who have so royally entertained us.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That this body give a vote of thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their impartial service rendered during this setting of the Association.

Committee { O. T. Allred,
H. P. Long,
A. W. Hartley,
H. H. Filkins,
Blaine Matthews.

PUBLICATION—We, your Publication Committee, submit the following:

Since our Treatise are sold out, we recommend that the National Association take proper steps for the publication of the Treatise.

We recommend that steps be taken for a greater support and improvement of our "Free Will Baptist Gem Office."

We urge that a special drive be made here to increase the subscription list to make the "Gem" a self-supporting paper.

Committee { John B. Rollins,
Roena Thomas,
Eunice A. Miller.

EDUCATION — We, your Committee on Education, beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the membership of this state body continue their liberality and their co-operation with the National Board of Education in its efforts to establish a denominational school. As a committee we express our appreciation for what has already been done; praying this interest will increase.

We recommend that solicitors be appointed or elected in various districts in our state, serving on a stated commission. to raise funds for this vital work.

We recommend that every pastor, every church, every evangelist, every field worker and every church auxiliary place themselves wholly behind this important movement.

We recommend that we take a more rigid stand, when and wherever opportunity affords, for clean, constructive Christian education.

We recommend that the chart plan be set in order for use; the same as was used for the publishing house fund.

Committee { Winford Davis,
C. B. Dees,
C. M. Dauber.

MISSIONS — We, your Committee on 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 missionary program. Also remembering our missionaries; especially Bro. Willey and family.

We also recommend that the proposition of the State Mission Association be considered and a home missionary be appointed.

Committee { F. C. Zinn,
Ross Thomas,
Effie Matthews.

OBITUARY — We, your Committee on Obituary, find that God in His wisdom has seen fit to remove a number of our members to their reward; some of whom were very active in our Association.

We bow our heads in humble submission to God's will, realizing our loss is Heaven's gain.

{ Melba White,
Committee { Mrs. Chole Gates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We, your Sunday School Committee, wish to make the following report.

We recommend the present program for the coming year.

We recommend our present field worker for the coming year as he has done a wonderful work.

We recommend that each Sunday school take a special offering for the expenses of our State Field Worker.

We recommend that steps be taken that we may have Sunday school leaflets.

Committee { Eld. Wm. Reeves,
Eld. Frank Linton,
Mrs. Ora George.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

To the Missouri State Association, which convenes with the Union Third Fork Church, near St. Joseph, Mo., September 25, 1939. Greetings in Jesus' name.

The following is a report of our year's work:

Revivals conducted	10
Sermons preached	324
Professions witnessed	75
Number baptized	14
Funerals conducted	2
Marriages performed	1
Miles traveled	8,200
Money received	\$475.79

May God bless our work and people everywhere. Pray for us.

— Sam H. Marcum, Evangelist, Cameron, Missouri.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee, which consists of the State Publication Committee and the State Executive Board, met at the "Gem" office, Purdy, Mo., at 3:30 p. m., December 20, 1938. Chairman, Eld. J. F. Miller was in charge and prayer was led by Eld. C. M. Dauber. Some time was spent in discussing various propositions relative to a location for the new Gem office. After looking over some property in Purdy, the meeting was then adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday, the committee spent the forenoon and most of the afternoon in looking about a location in the towns of Monett, Aurora, and Neosho, Missouri. At 4:00 o'clock the committee met in session in the church in Monett. The meeting was called to order and led in prayer by Chairman, James F. Miller.

Motion carried to consider the lot located by the Monett church.

Motion carried to accept the lot by the Monett church, as offered as a free gift by the Monett church and the Monett Commercial Club.

Adjourned until 8:00 o'clock Thursday morning.

On Thursday morning, December 22, 1938, the meeting was called to order at the Monett church by the chairman. Prayer led by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried to elect a Building Committee.

The committee was elected as follows:

Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.,	Chairman
Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.,	Secretary
Eld. Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.,	Member

Some time was spent in giving instructions to the Building Committee, and in discussing various other matters of interest to the State work.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Committee	Eld. James F. Miller, Chairman,
	Eld. B. F. Brown,
	Eld. C. M. Dauber,
	Eld. C. B. Dees,
	Eld. John B. Rollins, proxy for Eld. Selph Jones,
	Eld. Kenneth Turner, proxy for Eld. E. T. House
	Eld. O. T. Allred, proxy for Dea. M. H. White,
	Eld. Arlie Hoover,
	Dea. John Peterson,
Dea. Frank Mikel,	
Eld. Winford Davis, Secretary.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Foreign Mission Fund

Amount brought forward	\$62.54
Amount received during past year	655.88
Amount paid out during past year	557.10

Balance in treasury \$161.32

Publishing House Fund

Amount brought forward	\$1,787.49
Amount received, past year	915.20

Total	2,702.69
Amount paid out during past year	2,702.69

Budget Fund

Amount brought forward	\$25.02
Amount received during past year	118.86

Total \$143.88

Disbursements as follows:

For postage	\$5.86
For State Minutes	34.00
For National Minutes	16.75
For Pub. house equipment	12.16
For clerk hire	5.00

Total disbursements \$73.77

Balance in treasury \$70.11

Missionary Tools Fund

Amount brought forward	\$13.82
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Amount received, past year	2.00
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Total in treasury \$15.82

Entertainment Fund

Amount received	\$351.00
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Amount paid out	351.00
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Total brought forward, all funds \$1,888.87

Total received, all funds 2,042.94

Total paid out, all funds 3,684.56

Total balance in treasury \$247.25

— Eld. Winford Davis, Treas.

GEM OFFICE REPORT.

I took charge in the new office June 12, 1939. I gave Bro. Brown a note for \$193.00 for the Invoice of stock papers and supplies. From June 12 to September 24, 1939, the office proceeded as follows:

Income

For subscriptions	\$137.25
For job work and otherwise	195.89
Total	<u>\$333.14</u>

Expenses

Tithe	\$33.31
Office employ	54.78
Postage	11.97
Power lights, and water	19.43
Paper and supplies	72.63
Editor's living	71.78
Miscellaneous	53.45
Total	<u>\$317.35</u>
Cash on hand	\$15.79

— John B. Rollins, Editor.

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ordained Ministers Present

Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	H. P. Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.
J. F. Miller, Flat, River, Mo.	Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.
S. A. Hand, Fredericktown,	W. R. Rush, Weatherby, Mo.
John Swaffar, Purdy, Mo.	V. E. Wellbaum, Greentop, Mo.
S. H. Marcum, Cameron, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Greentop,
Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown,	John Rollins, Monett, Mo.
W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.	T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby,
C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.
Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Springfield, Mo.	John McKown, Lock Springs,
C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.	Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
C. E. Butts, Climax Springs,	D. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.	W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.

Ordained Deacons Present

Ross Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.	H. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
Stanley Baker, Easton, Mo.	Bernice Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
Arthur Forshee, Desloge, Mo.	C. Guilliams, Pattonsburg, Mo.
Bryan Novinger, Stahl, Mo.	M. H. White, Plattsburg, Mo.
C. W. Ricketts, Hannon, Mo.	W. W. King, Carlów, Mo.
John Keeny, Leadington, Mo.	W. E. Crews, Alton, Mo.
A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo.	C. H. Crews, Thayer, Mo.
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.	Geo. E. Jefferies, Pattonsburg,
A. A. Gates, Stahl, Mo.	Audrey Snider, Jamesport,
Herman Fowler, Stewartsville,	Lance McCauley, Stewartsville
B. H. Filkins, Novinger, Mo.	T. J. Tyer, Grower, Mo.

Ministers' Wives Present

Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.	Belva Zinn, Springfield, Mo.
Lola Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.	Verda Cooper, Novinger, Mo.
Hazel Swaffar, Purdy, Mo.	Iva Rush, Weatherby, Mo.
Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.	Ruby Linton, Branch, Mo.
Daisy Marcum, Cameron, Mo.	Olie Butler, Climax Springs,
Ora George, Niangua, Mo.	Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo.
Jewel Turner, Granby, Mo.	Francis Weston, Monett, Mo.
Doris Rollins, Monett, Mo.	Mary House, Gower, Mo.
Christine Dees, Flat River,	Pansy Jones, Mansfield, Mo.

Delegates Enrolled

Gladys Fillmer, Niangua, Mo.
 Iva Black, Cassville, Mo.
 Dorothy Lovell, Cassville, Mo.
 Wilma Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
 Gussie Hamblen, Flat River.
 Caroline Pruett, Frederickt'n,
 C. C. Bebout, Fredericktown,
 Isabelle Henderson, F' River,
 A. L. Wiley, Stockton, Mo.
 Mrs. Wiley, Stockton, Mo.
 Alberta Novinger, Stahl, Mo.
 Lizzie Pirtle, Esther, Mo.
 Geo. Hamblen, Flat River,
 Chloe Gates, Stahl, Mo.
 Alta Bush, Cassville, Mo.
 Anna Sharp, Stahl, Mo.
 Odelia Rice, Bonne Terre, Mo.
 Jesse Forrest, Desloge, Mo.
 Cora Phipps, Stahl, Mo.
 Martha Burcham, Flat River,
 Allie Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
 Sussie Forshee, Desloge, Mo.
 Ray Martin, Greentop, Mo.
 A. W. Hartley, Arcola, Mo.
 Esther Peterson, Greentop,
 Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.
 Loretta, Ellison, Flat River,

Mrs. C. W. Ricketts, Hannon,
 Anna Ellis, Easton, Mo.
 Dorothy Bush, Cassville, Mo.
 Esther Apple, Aurora, Mo.
 Zola Truskett, Hannon, Mo.
 Emma Thomas, Hannon, Mo.
 M. C. Beeler, Pattonburg, Mo.
 Anna Warren, Climax Springs,
 J. V. Burton, Long Lane, Mo.
 Orie Warren, Climax Springs,
 Mrs. Lizzie Filkins, Novinger,
 Amy Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
 Ethel Newcomer, Greentop,
 Mrs. Wm. Newcomer, Gr'ntop.
 Alta Powell, Monett, Mo.
 Mammie Gates, Monett, Mo.
 Velma D. Matthews, Desloge,
 Anna Buchanan, Greentop,
 John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
 Theo. Bough, Stockton, Mo.
 Less Everett, Hemple, Mo.
 Julia Everett, Hemple, Mo.
 Helen La Brot, Flat River.
 Lindell Pruett, Fredericktown
 Jake Culver, Gallatin, Mo.
 Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
 Mrs. Maggie Turner, Granby,

Visitors

H. McAdams, Huntsville, Tex.
 Mrs. McAdams, Huntsv'le, Tex.
 W. D. Stinnett, Talala, Okla.
 John M. Vitt, St. Joseph, Mo.
 Mrs. John Vitt, St. Joseph, Mo.
 Fannie Worsley, Bronough,
 Mrs. W. D. Young, Bronough,
 Alma Newman, St. Joseph,
 E. W. Phipps, Stahl, Mo.
 Harry Bush, Cassville, Mo.
 Louise Buchanan, Greentop,
 Mrs. John Keeney, Lead'gton.
 Jewell Pote, Climax Springs,
 Mrs. Marion Cox, Bronough,

Cleo. B. Cooper, Stahl, Mo.
 Jessie Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
 Oral Buchanan, Greentop, Mo.
 Martha Buchanan, Greentop,
 J. D. Hancock, Clarksdale, Mo.
 Mrs. J. Hancock, Clarksdale,
 John Thompson, Greentop,
 Mrs. J. Thompson, Greentop,
 Leona Thompson, Greentop,
 Mrs. Ray Martin, Greentop,
 Eld. T. H. Wiley, Panama, C.
 Mrs. Charlie Dyer, Greentop,
 Bert. Bonesteel, Haddam, Kan.
 Mrs. Bonesteel, Haddam, Kan.

Marion Coxe, Bronough, Mo.
 Edith Blair, Buffalo, Mo.
 Jennie Wright, Flat River,
 Bessie Forte, Greentop, Mo.
 Neta Mae Forte, Greentop, Mo.
 Camalene Forte, Greentop,
 Mrs. Anna Moore, Flat River,
 Jane Shaffer, Flat River, Mo.
 Ethel Peterson, Greentop, Mo.
 Mrs. Earl Sponsler, Novinger,
 Mrs. Boyd Filkins, Novinger,
 Delia Lay, Greentop, Mo.
 Roy Lee Hancock, Clarksdale,
 Elzona Medlin, Monett, Mo.
 Mrs. T. Ferguson, Weatherby,
 John Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
 Mrs. John Filkins, Novinger,
 Wonda Filkins, Novinger, Mo.
 W. M. Newcomer, Greentop,
 Ruth Montgomery, Gallatin,
 J. W. Marcum, Cameron, Mo.
 Viola Sanders, Stahl, Mo.
 Mrs. Guilliams, Pattonsburg
 W. I. Alexander, Greentop,
 Mrs. Alexander, Greentop, Mo.

Daisy Eichman, Haddam, Kan.
 Delia Wolfe, Pawnee City, N.
 H. D. Lawson, Stahl, Mo.
 Earl Sponsler, Novinger, Mo.
 John Crews, Alton, Mo.
 W. H. Lewallen, Stewartsville,
 Mrs. Lewallen, Stewartsville,
 Willard Williams, Flat River,
 Mrs. Williams, Flat River, Mo.
 Emmet Smith, Flat River, Mo.
 Mrs. Smith, Flat River, Mo.
 Ralph Stout, Hannon, Mo.
 John Hartman, Clarksdale,
 Mrs. J. Hartman, Clarksdale.
 Edith Jeffries, Pattonsburg,
 John Coberley, Breckenridge,
 Mrs. Coberley, Breckenridge,
 W. B. Eads, Polo, Mo.
 Mrs. W. B. Eads, Polo, Mo.
 Arthur Eads, Polo, Mo.
 Carl Jeffries, Pattonsburg, Mo.
 Elizabeth Swisher, Pattonsburg,
 Stella Shepley, K. C., Kans.
 Ellis Sue Brown, K. C., Kans.

ASSOCIATIONS

And Ministers Belonging to each Association

CENTRAL WESTERN MO. & SOUTHEASTERN KAN. ASS'N

Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Spgs, Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kans
 Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans H. S. Ford, Waseka, Illinois

Superannuated Ministers

Eld. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.

Licensed Ministers

Harold Hoover, Arcadia, Kans Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.

Mrs. Zola Truskett, Clerk, Hannon, Mo,

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W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Granby, Mo.
B. Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.
Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo.	Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
John Rollins, Monett, Mo.	B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.
C. M. Hatfield, Pierce City,	Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.
Joe Brooks, Cassville, Mo.	C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.
Luther Black, Cassville, Mo.	Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Springfield, Mo.	Elda Crain, Miami, Okla.
Virgil Greenway, Jenkins, Mo.	T. Farmer, Granby, Mo.
Cecil Campbell, Stella, Mo.	Sam Stafford Purdy, Mo.
G. A. Garner, Dos Pedro, Calif.	Bertha Stafford, Purdy, Mo.
John Swaffar, Norwood, Mo.	

Superannuated Ministers

E. Hendrickson, Granby, Mo.	James Bynum, Purdy, Mo.
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Licensed Ministers

John Thrasher, Goodman, Mo.	Ted Balls, Goodman, Mo.
Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.	Delmer Cochran, Purdy, Mo.
Roscoe Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	Bill Brooks, Purdy, Mo.
Beulah McKee, Neosho, Mo.	

John B. Rollins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

A. E. Gulley, St. Louis, Mo.	Damon Dodd, Desloge, Mo.
John N. Johnston, St. Louis.	C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.
Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.	J. L. Yancey, Fredericktown,
P. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.	Tommie Franklin, Texas.
Claude C. Lincoln, St. Louis.	Geo. Miller, Fredericktown,
Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.	Alvin Halbrook, Leadington,
J. L. Newburn, St. Louis, Mo.	Albert Halbrook, Leadington,
John D. Long, Patton, Mo.	Joe Dewees, Desloge, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Fredericktown,	D. Selph Jones, Mansfield, Mo.
Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.	J. P. Maze, Fredericktown,
J. M. Henderson, Mill Creek,	W. C. Hill, St. Louis, Mo.
J. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	S. A. Hand, Fredericktown,

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S. M. Ferguson, Flat, River,	J. D. Flannery, Farmington,
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Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.	Willard Halbrook, Leadington,
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W. F. Millard, Windyville, Mo.	

Hazel Smith, Clerk, Long Lane, Mo.

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Gilbert Thomas, Springfield,	Lem Williams, Springfield.
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John Moore, Grovespring, Mo.	Laster Branstetter, Springfield
Widd McClanahan, Grove Spg.	C. E. Mann, Queen City, Mo.
Marion Williams, Grovespg.	John Mace, Niangua, Mo.

Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Orla, Mo.

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W. R. Rush, Weatherby, Mo.	W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.
John McKown, Lock Spgs, Mo.	Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby,	

Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

NORTHEAST MISSOURI ASSOCIATION

Cecil Horner, Novinger, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Santa Rosa,
C. M. Dauber, Novinger, Mo.	C. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.
Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.	S H. Marcum, Cameron, Mo.
Noel Turner, Greencastle, Mo.	F. Duckworth, Angel C'p, Calif.
Vernie Wellbaum, Santa Rosa,	Orville Dobbs, -----

Archie Cooper, Clerk, Novinger, Mo.

CAVE SPRING ASSOCIATION

E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.	Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
J. E. Rolen, Thayer, Mo.	C. R. Bryan, Couch, Mo.
Elmer Hodges, Alton, Mo.	J. M. Williams, Myrtle, Mo.
B. H. Woodring, Alton, Mo.	Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.
J. R. W. Harbison, Myrtle, Mo.	T. J. Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.
H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo.	N. Combs, Couch, Mo.
W. P. Stogsdill, Alton, Mo.	C. H. Williams, Myrtle, Mo.
Fred Dodson, Couch, Mo.	James McGehee, Myrtle, Mo.
Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo.	J. E. S. Pentecost, Koshkonong
S. W. Bell, Alton, Mo.	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.

Adrian Jenkins, Clerk, Myrtle, Mo.

LACLEDE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	J. R. Reid, Abo, Mo.
S. N. Reid, Lebanon, Mo.	M. E. Breasher, Brownfield, Mo.
Bland Massey, Grove Sp'gs, Mo.	J. G. Koch, Plad, Mo.
W. M. Sheets, Orola, Mo.	Curtis Wilson, Hazel Green, Mo.
D. O. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.	L. H. Jones, Falcon, Mo.
Walter Bingham, Brownf'd, Mo.	C. E. Butts, Climax Springs, Mo.
A. J. Chambers, Orla, Mo.	A. W. Bailey, Plad, Mo.
C. E. Cornellison, Lebanon, Mo.	T. J. Peterson, Dry Nob, Mo.
Roy Jones, Oakland, Mo.	

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."

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.

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 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.

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.

Missouri State Sunday School Statistical Table

Associations	N. E. Mo.	C.W.Mo. S.E. Ks.	S. E. Mo.	N. W. Mo.	Indian Creek	Lib- erty	Cave Spr'g	Nian- gua	Lac- Iede	Missouri State
No. of Sunday Schools	9	7	15	5	12	7	11	2	1	72
No. of Officers	57	32	66	18	46	25	26	7	8	285
No. of Teachers	35	29	78	19	53	27	42	8	4	295
Enrollment	426	396	1545	204	302	595	619	90	46	4,109
Attendance	8,025	6,422	19,448	4,020	14,066	7,926	11,112	1,456	780	72,485
Offerings	\$267.38	\$139.55	\$387.91	\$141.61	\$443.18	\$137.13	\$128.02	\$44.16	\$12.00	\$1,701.94
Expenditures	\$210.03	\$113.50	\$310.00	\$105.47	\$354.69	\$102.84	\$106.87	\$40.38	\$10.00	\$1,335.78
Balance on Hand	\$89.25	\$34.44	\$95.94	\$36.15	\$124.21	\$34.29	\$26.08	\$3.78	\$2.00	\$446.14
For State work			\$9.21	\$2.17			\$0.65			\$12.03
Paid for Foreign Missions	\$4.22	\$9.34	\$67.77	\$27.75	\$59.27	\$27.27				\$195.62

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