The

Missouri State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

1940

Proceedings of the 27th Annual Session

Convened at Niangua, Missouri

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1939 TO JULY 1, 1940 ASSOCIATIONS

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No. Churches July 1, 1939	12	10	11		5	11l	6	1 15	20	97
No. Churches Reporting	13							15		
Membership July 1, 1939	921	646						1592		
Churches without pastors										
Members Received								151		
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Number Deceased		1						15	6	47
Resident Members	1							1,363		
Non-resident Members.								323		
No. Churches July 1, 1940										
Membership July 1, 1940								1,686		
No. Prayer Meetings								2 11		
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League Membership								427		1
Number Home Missions								8		
Home Mission Memb'ship								147		
Number Sunday Schools	ŀ	6						15		
S. S. Enrollment								1,235		
Number of Officers			21					64		
Number of Teachers		24						79		
Amount Paid Pastors	\$1,945.11	,	l .	1	1	L	 	l .	i .	
Amt. Paid Evangelists	\$314.43	,	1 '	, ,				1 ' '	1	1
Pd. for Building & Repair					1 1			1 .		1
Amount for Incidentals	\$340.27	,		1	,	1 ' '				\$803.6
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Pd. for Foreign Missions	\$141.65	' '	1	\$111.31	1 ' '	1	1 ' '	1	1 , ,	
Paid for Home Missions				\$129.56		1 1		1 1	l .	1
Paid for Education	\$126.95			\$110.51	1	1 -	1 .			1 '
Paid for Publication	\$221.81		1	•		1	1	1	1	
Budget Money Paid	\$36.65		1		1	1 '	\$50.0	1 '		1
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No. Ordained Ministers	22		21						13	
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-William Reeves, Statistician, Fredericktown, Mo.

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Niangua Church, Niangua, Missouri, beginning on Monday night, September 23, 1940.

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Flat River-Church, Flat River, Missouri, beginning on Monday night, following the fourth Sunday in September, 1941.

Home Mission Sermon on Monday night, September 29, 1941.

League Sermon on Tuesday et 11:00 o'clock a.m., September 30, by Eld. Kennerh Turner, Monett, Mo.

The Introductory Sermon for the Association will be preached on Tuesday night, September 30, by Eld. John Swaffar, Niangua, Mo.; Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Missouri, alternate.

Free Will Baptist Gem Print. 211 Bond St., Monett, Mo.

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS

Moderator,
Ass't. Mod.,
Clerk-Treas.,
Ass't. Clerk,
Statistician,

Eld. James F. Miller,
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Monett, Mo.
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STATE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MISSONS

Eld. Winford Davis Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.,	1945
Eld. Henry P. Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.,	1944
Eld. C. B. Dees, Flat River Mo.	1943
Eld. B. F. Brown, Cassyille, Mo.	1949
Eld. Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans.,	1941

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. James F. Miller Eld. Winford Davis Eld. B. F. Brown Bro. John ft. Peterson Bro. J. F. Mikel Bro. M. H. White Eld. Harry Beatty Eld. Selph Jones	Monett, Cassville, Greentop, Greentop, Clattsburg, Thaver	Mo. Mo. Mo. Mo. Mo.
Eld. Selph Jones	Mansfield,	Mo.

State Mission Proceedings

The Missouri State Home Mission Association met at 7:15 o'clock Monday night, September 23, 1940.

Opened by singing led by Eld. John Swaffar with Sister Sylvia Dodd at the piano.

Scripture reading, Romans 10, by Eld. Melba White.

Prayer led by Eld. O. T. Allred.

Mission sermon by Eld. J. B. Rollins; St. John 4:19-23, subject "Worship and Evangelism." This message was enjoyed by all.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Mission meeting called to order by the President, Sister Eunice Miller.

Eld. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd in charge of the song service.

President appointed Miss Ruby Wood as secretary pro tem to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sister Esther Apple, former secretary.

Prayer by Sister Rowena Thomas.

Scripture lesson, 2 Cor. 9, read by Eld. Mary Welbaum,

Prayer by Sister Bell Henderson.

Reports received and delegates seated from Indian Creek, Southeast Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, Northeast Missouri Mission Associations and Union Third Fork Mission Circle.

Report of treasurer accepted.

Election of Officers

President, Sister Eunice Miller, Novinger, Mo. Vice President, Eld. Miss Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo. Sec.-Treas., Miss Ruby Wood, Desloge, Mo. Ass't. Sec-Treas., Sister Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted.

Discussion of Church Extension Fund.

Motion carried that our Mission pay \$5.00 to Entertainment Fund, \$5.00 to Publishing House Maintenance Fund, \$10.00 to State Mission President, \$5.00 to Educational Program, \$10.00 to Apple Sisters, and \$5.80 to National work.

Committee on Resolutions: Eld. Rowena Thomas, Eld. Melba White, and Mrs. Bell Henderson. 8只见港下入司

Mission Delegates to National Association

Sylvia Dodd. Fearl Allred. Monett, Mo. Bell Henderson. Flat River. Effic Matthews, Desloge, Mo. Mrs. Bush. Cassville, Mo. Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.

Desloge. Mo. Christine Dees, Desloge, Mo. Gussie Hamblin, Flat River, Jewel Turner, Monett, Mo

Motion earried to adjourn to meet one year from today.

> Eunice Miller, President. Ruby Wood, Secretary.

RESOLUTION -- Whereas, the Lord in His mercy and wisdom has seen fit to call to her eternal reward, our beloved secretary and treasurer of our State Home Mission Work, Sister Esther Apple, and, whereas, she is so sadly missed, be it therefore resolved, that we stand and bow our heads in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father and trust the Lord to bring us all to our Heavenly Home, whereas, mission workers, no sad partings shall ever come.

Resolution Committee Melba White, Isabelle Henderson. Roena Thomas.

TREASURER'S REPORT	roj o demakan
Receipts:	
Amount brought forward	
Paid out during year:	
Entertainment Fund Publishing House Maintenance Fund State President Apple Sisters National Work Total paid out	5.00 10.00
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Total Balance

Church Extension Fund

Amount brought f	orward .	••••••	\$172.11		٠,
Received from Sep	t. 23-27,	1940	38.50		
Total in treasury .	•••••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		\$210.61	Į.

Pledges for Missouri Home Mission Extension Fund (Each Pledge \$1.00 per month)

Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Rollins
Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Dauber
Bro. and Sister Ross Thomas
Mrs. Grace Lawson
Rev. C. E. Mann
Rev. and Mrs. D. C. Dodd
Rev. Winford Davis
Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Matthews
Rev. & Mrs. Ben Dees (\$2. mo.)
Eld. Melba White
Union Third Fork Mission
Rev. Joe Deweese
Bro. W. L. Sharp

Bro. Glen McCarty
Miss Evelyn Jefferson
Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Allred
Rev. Mary Welbaum
Merl's Chapel
Monett Mission
Mrs. Bell Henderson (50c mo.)
Bro. Geo. La Shum, paid in full
Rev. W. K. Weston, Pd. in full
Flat River League
Flat River Sunday School
Aurora Church
Rev. Cecil Horner
Rev. Archie Cooper

State League Proceedings

The Missouri State League Association convened with the Niangua Church September 24, 1940.

Opened by singing led by Eld. F. C. Zinn.

Scripture reading by Eld. Harry Staires of Drumright, Oklahoma.

At this time a quartet, a girls' trio, and a short talk by Eld. Evert Brown were given; all from the First Mission Association in Oklahoma.

Letters were received and the delegates were seated from the following:

Northeast Missouri League Association, Indian Creek League Association, Hannon and Niangua Leagues, and a corresponding letter from Oklahoma.

Election of Officers

Eld. Kenneth Turner, of Monett, Mo., was elected to preach the Introductory sermon next year.

Report of the field worker was received and Eld Melba White was re-elected to this office for next year.

Report of the secretary-treasurer was received.

Motion carried to pay the secretary \$5.00.

Motion carried to pay \$5.00 on the Gem Office paving fund.

Motion carried to pay \$3.00 on entertainmet fund. The pre-arranged program was taken up. Three subjects were discussed as follows:

"The League and its Relationship to Talent Development."

"The League and its Relationship to Character Building."

"The League and its Relationship to Spirituality."

A number of fine specials were rendered which were enjoyed by all.

Adjournment.

W. K. Weston, President, O. T. Alfred, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts:	. Y
Amount carried forward	\$2,90
Received from Niangua League	1.00
Received from Southeast Missouri League	
Received from Indian Creek League	
Total Income	\$16.50
Disbursements:	
Entertainment fund	
Clerk hire	5.00
Gem Office pavement	5.00
Total Disbursements	\$13.00
Balanze on hand	49.50

Associational Proceedings

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Twenty-seventh Annual Session on Tuesday night, September 24, 1940, with the Niangua Church, Niangua, Missouri.

The meeting opened by singing led by Eld. F. C. Zinn. Prayer by Eld. Winford Davis.

Some special numbers were rendered, after which the motion pictures of the Free Will Baptist Gem office, and the inside workings of putting out the Gem, were shown, as arranged by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

At this time the moderator called for the introductory message, which was ably delivered by Eld. O. T. Allred, of Monett, Mo., subject "Going on into Perfection." Hebrews 6:1-3.

After the message, Eld. Kenneth Turner again showed motion pictures which were taken at the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Paintsville, Kentucky, July, 1940.

A very large crowd was present and the service enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. F. Miller, of Novinger, Missouri.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Scripture reading, 19th Psalm, and prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Letters were read and received, and the delegates were seated from the following Associations:

Northeast Missouri, Southeast Missouri, Northwest Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, Indian Creek, Liberty, Harmony (petitionary letter), Niangua, Cave Spring, and Laclede County.

At this time, the programs and badges were distributed to the delegates, and the hand of fellowship was given to the delegates of the newly organized Harmony Association.

Election of Officers

Moderator, Ass't. Mod., Clerk-Treas., Eld. J. F. Miller, Novinger, Missouri Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri Eld. Winford Davis, Monett, Missouri

Member of Executive Board for a term of five years, Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Missouri. State Statistician, Eld. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Missouri.

A Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: J. B. Rollins, Archie Cooper, Ross Thomas, Damon Dodd, and Gilbert Thomas.

Motion carried to suspend business until in the afternoon.

Dismissed by Eld. Virgil Greenway.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The stand was filled by Eld. C. M. Dauber, of Hemple, Missouri. An able message was delivered and greatly enjoyed; text Heb. 12:1, 2.

At the close of the service, the report of the Nominating Committee was read and received.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened by singing led by Eld. Winford Davis. Scripture reading, 1st chapter 2nd Peter, and prayer by Eld. Cecil Horner.

Motion carried to receive the financial report of the editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Publication Committee.

At this time, a drive was made for subscriptions to the "Gem." Sixty-one (61) subscriptions were secured.

Motion carried to adopt items No. 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the state evangelist, Eld. Sam H. Marcum, and that he be sent a letter of commendation.

Motion carried to receive the report of the secretary of foreign missions, Eld. Winford Davis, and that he be commended for his faithfulness in taking care of this part of the work.

At this time, Eld. Winford Davis was re-elected as foreign mission secretary.

Following this, an interesting letter of greeting was

read from our missionaries, Eld. and Mrs. T. H. Willey. The letter was received with much joy and the clerk was instructed to write an answer to Bro. and Sister Willey.

Motion carried to adjourn until Thursday morning.

Dismissed by prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Prayer by Eld. Henry P. Long.

A program of special numbers was rendered; which

program was in charge of Eld. John Swaffar.

The stand was then filled by Eld. Melvin Bingham, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla.: text, Rev. 17:14. An able and powerful message was delivered to an audience of perhaps 1,000 people, and was greatly enjoyed as the Spirit was so wonderfully outpoured.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Devotional by Eld. B. F. Brown, reading Eph. 4.

Prayer by Eld. Harry Beatty.

At this time, the Associational enrollment was taken.

Prayer by Eld. Frank Linton.

Items No. 1, 2, 3 4, and 5 of the report of the Mission Committee were read, discussed and adopted by motion. Prayer by Eld. Archie Cooper.

Other pledges were received for the Missouri Church Extension Program (See Mission Association Minutes).

The statistician's report was read and accepted by motion, with commendation to Eld. William Reeves.

Motion carried to suspend business until 1:30 p. m. Dismissed in prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing with Eld. Noel Greenway in charge.

Prayer by J. F. Miller.

Eld. Selph Jones was presented to bring the message; Scripture text, Psalms 133:1 "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." A very able message was delivered and greatly enjoyed by a large audience.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Scripture reading, Eph. 3.

Prayer by Eld. W. K. Weston.

Moderator's appointment of a committee to proceed to charter the Missouri State Association: Elders B. F. Brown, O. T. Allred, and Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried to meet with the Flat River church, Flat River, Missouri, next year.

Eld. John Swaffar was elected to preach the Introductory sermon; Eld. Cecil Campbell, alternate.

The Treasurer's report was accepted by motion, with commendation to Bro. Davis.

Report of Sunday School Committee was read and accepted by motion.

Bro. W. E. Coville, of Nashville, Tennessee, Chairman of the National Sunday School Convention, spoke on Sunday School work. Bro. Coville delivered a very interesting and helpful message.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board.

Motion carried that the matter concerning insurance, as called for in item No. 3 of the report of the Executive Board, be turned to the committee which was previously appointed to charter the State Association.

A standing vote of thanks was given to W. E. Coville for his interest in coming to help us with the Sunday School work

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Prayer by Rev. W. E. Blades of Billings, Missouri.

Rev. Roy Keith of Bois D'Are, Mo., spoke greetings and encouragement.

Eld. Wm. Reeves took an offering for Bro. W. E. Coville, of Nashville, Tennessee, which amounted to \$16.20 to be used to defray his traveling expenses.

Eld. Winford Davis took the stand; text, 1 Cor. 3:12-13. A plain, powerful, and interesting message was delivered.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing led by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Scripture lesson, James 4.

Prayer by Eld. C. M. Dauber.

Minutes were read and approved.

A letter of greeting was read from Jane Nease Malone which included a check for \$2.50.

Obituary Committee report was read and accepted. A card of thanks was read from the sisters of Esther Apple.

Items No. 1, 2, and 3 of the Education Committee adopted.

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

Motion carried to receive the final report of the Business Committee. Each item was adopted by motion.

Appointment of Educational Field Workers Association Name Address

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Southeast Missouri	C. B. Dees,	Desloge, Mo.
Indian Creek	J. B. Rollins,	Monett, Mo.
Harmony	Fred Marler,	Cedar Gap, Mo.
Northwest: Missouri	C. M. Dauber,	Hemple, Mo.
Northeast Missouri	Ethel Newcome	er, Greentop, Mo.
Central Western Mo.	Ross Thomas,	Arcadia, Kans.
Liberty	John Swaffar,	Niangua, Mo.
Niangua	Frank Linton,	Branch, Mo.
Cave Springs	Harry Beatty,	Thayer, Mo.
Laclede County		- ·

Delegates to National Association

Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo. Geometric Jewel Campbell, Carterville, Jewel Esther Peterson, Greentop, Mo. Chief McCarty, Chetopa, Kan No. Dow Clift, Marshfield, Mo. Licille Beatty, Thayer, Mo. Down Pearl Allred, Monett, Mo. Ma. Howard DeWeese, Stewartsville, Mo.

Geo. Mammen, Liberal, Mo. Jewell Turner, Monett, Mo. Christine Dees, Desloge, Mc Noel Greenway, Monett, Mo. Lloyd Jeffreys, Sheldon, Mc. Dorothy Bush, Cassville, Mo. Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan. Mo.

Motion carried to suspend husiness until 1:30 e'clock,

FRIDAY-ELEVEN-O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing led by Eld. John Swaffar.

Prayer by Winford Davis.

Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo., preached a very interesting message. Scripture, 2 Tim. 3:16; 4:1-5.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

. Singing led by Eld. J. F. Miller.

Scripture reading, Psalms 27.

Prayer by Belva Zinn.

Bro. Miller presented the case of Herbert Henderson, Gem Office employee in reference to the National Draft.

Motion carried that this Association linstruct the Executive Board to take every means possible which is fair and right to keep Herbert Henderson in the Gem Office.

Corresponding delegates elected to attend the Oklahoma State Association were John Swaffar and wife, Cecil Campbell and wife, and Selph Jones and wife.

Motion carried to approve the minute as a whole.

Moved to adjourn to meet in Flat River, Missouri, on Monday night following the fourth Sunday in September, 1941.

James F. Miller, Moderator, Winford Davis, Clerk.

Special Music Program

Pianists: Evelyn Jefferson, Sylvia Dodd, Jewel Campbell, Alta Deane Holman, and John Swaffar.

Special singers: Preachers Quartet by Noel Greenway, John Swaffar, Virgil Greenway, and Winford Davis; Eld. Selva Jones; Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn; Mrs. Melvin Bingham; Ladies duet by Sister Alexander and Sister Smith of Niangua; Dorothy Bush, Cassville; Mrs. Lucille Beatty; Reading by Sister Cates, Niangua; and a number by the George Quartet.

TRÈASURER'S REPORT

Educational Fund	1 - @
Amount received during past year \$598.40	
Amount paid out 494.94	
Balance in treasury	. \$103.46
Foreign Mission Fund	
Amount brought forward \$161.32	
Amount received during past year 671.51	
Total \$832.83	
Amount paid out 743.00	•
Balance in treasury	\$89.83
Entertainment Fund	
Amount received during past year \$404.35	
Amount paid out	
Orphanage Fund	
Amount received during past year \$15.00	
Amount paid out	
Amount pard out	
Superannuation Fund	÷
Amount received during past year \$9.50	
Amount paid out 9.50	
New Press Fund	
Amount received during past year \$1.00	
Balance in treasury	\$1.00
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Publishing House Maintainence Fund	
Amount received during past year \$51.77	
Amount paid out 51.77	
Product Fund	
Budget Fund	
Brought forward from last year \$ 70.11 Amount received during past year \$2.59	
Amount received during past year illinion 62.00	
Total \$152,79	•
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Disbursements as follows:	
State Minutes \$35.11	
Receipt Books 3.58	
Postage 6.21	
National Associational Dues 10.00	100
B. F. Brown for office equipment 35.00	
Clerk hire 5.00	
Total paid out	
Balance in treasury	\$57.80
Missionary Tools Fund	
Brought forward from last year \$15.82	
Amount paid out 15.82	
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Total amount brought forward on all funds \$ 247.25	
Total amount recieved on all funds 1,834.12	
Total \$2,081.37	
Total amount paid out of all funds 1,829.28	
Balance in treasury on all funds	\$252.09

- Eld. Winford Davis, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

No.1 Inasmuch as the church extension work was placed in the hands of the Board last year, and due to the fact that we have had insufficient funds we have done nothing.

- No. 2. As to the matter of insurance on Gem Office equipment, of which the preimum of \$22.35 was paid by the editor, we recommend that this Association reimburse him this amount.
- No. 3. We recommend that sufficient funds be raised now to insure our publishing house for \$500.00.

We recommend that sufficient funds be raised to finish paying the tax bill on Bond Street in Monett, Missouri.

> B. F. Brown, Chairman, Arlie E. Hoover. Cecil Campbell. Henry Long, C. B. Dees, Secretary-Treasurer,

GEM OFFICE REPORT

-			Income			
Balance	on	Hand,	October	1,	1939	

\$15.79

Subscriptions ... (Monthly Average, \$57.28).. \$ 687.35

Job Work (Monthly Average, 90.65).. 1,087.77

Total (Monthly Average, 147.92)........... \$1,775.12

Expenses

Tithe (Monthly Ave. \$9.52)	\$114.28	
Office Employ:		
Herbert Henderson (Monthly Ave. 35.32)	423.83	
Margaret Kitterman	26.30	
Leon Fredrick	30.56	
Editor's Living (Monthly Ave. 37.34)	448.18	
Postage and Freight (Monthly Ave. 7.06)	84.81	
Power, Lights and Water (Monthly Ave. 10.86)	141.22	•
Coal House	19.99	
Fuel	47.60	
Stove and Accessories	48.62	
Printing Supplies (Monthly Ave. 24.18)	290.20	
Linotype Matrix	34.82	•
Miscellaneous Not	Figured	
Total Expense		\$1,790.91

- John B. Rollins, Editor.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

To our beloved State Association of Free Will Baptists, which convenes with the Niangua Free Will Baptist Church, Niangua, Mo., September 23, 1940 — Greetings:

We regret, very much, that we can not be with you in person, but we assure you that Sam and Daisy will be praying for you as you meet together, that you may have the best State Meeting that Missouri has ever witnessed.

Since we left Missouri, July 20, we have preached in Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Idaho, and at this writing, we are in the midst of a revival in the Methodist Church here in this wicked railroad town, Huntington, Oregon. There has been nine professions thus far. My brother, older than I, and my brother-in-law were two of these. From Oregon we plan to go south into California. Perhaps we will visit the new Free Will Baptist Church of Porterville, California.

We don't know when we will be coming back to Missouri, so will you please consider someone else for State Evangelist? We have enjoyed the work as an evangelist, and we do give our dear Lord the glory and praise for all that has been accomplished through our efforts. May God bless you all is our prayer.

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

Meetings Conducted, 7; Extra Services, 30; Sermons preached, 238; Professions, 51; Baptized, 6; Marriages, 1; Conducted a number of street services; Money received (revivals), \$319.43; Money received (extra services and street services), \$97.55; Total Money Received, \$416.98.

We were sick some during the past year and could not be in the work all the time. May God bless all of you, as you assemble together, is our prayer. You pray for us and we will pray for you, for this is the way all Christians ought to do.

- Sam and Daisy Marcum, Cameron, Missouri

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION SECRETARY

As secretary of foreign missions, I beg to submit the following report:

It is indeed encouraging to note the way in which our people of Missouri have responded to the great cause of foreign missions during the past year. The total amount received since our last State Meeting has amounted to \$670.51. Putting the amount brought forward from last year with that, which was \$161.32 makes a total sum of \$831.83.

I think it should be greatly encouraging to us to know that our National secretary of foreign missions says Missouri headed the list of all states during the past year in giving for this worthy cause. Our budget for the past year was set at \$600.00 and we have gone over it by a considerable amount. This year our budget has been set at \$700.00. May the Lord help us to far exceed this amount, also. Though our people have given splendidly, yet we are not doing anything near what we could. We earnestly pray that more of our churches and pastors take this matter up and institute some kind of plan for regular support of our splendid foreign mission program.

We have some splendid missionaries, and some splendid young people aspiring to foreign mission work in the name of our denomination. May the Lord help us to not fail them and may we not fail God in carrying out the great commission, "Go ye into all the world."

Our state foreign mission budget has been raised because we have merited it by our liberality. Let us strive to merit a much larger budget next year.

Yours for getting the Gospel to those who have never heard,

- Winford Davis, Secretary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report of Nominating Committee

BUSINESS--O. T. Allred, chairman, Shirley Byers, G. C. Lewis, C. E. Mann, and Blaine Matthews.

EDUCATION -- Winford Davis, chairman, C. M. Dauber, and H. H. Filkins; Melvin Bingham and James F. Miller, associates.

MISSIONS - Eunice Miller, chairman, Kenneth Turner and Ethel Newcomer.

PUBLICATION — J. B. Rollins, chairman, A. W. Hartley, and Henry Long.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — William Reeves, chairman, John Mace, and Esther Peterson.

DIVINE SERVICE — M. H. White, chairman, Damon Dodd, and Sister Ora George.

SPECIAL MUSIC — John Swaffar, chairman, Noel Greenway, and Gladys Fillmer.

OBITUARY - Roena Thomas, chairman, Melba White, and Fred Marler.

Committee | John B. Rollins, Gilbert Thomas, Ross R. Thomas, Archie Cooper, Damon C. Dodd.

CREDENTIAL — We, your Credential Committee, recommend to this body the newly organized Harmony Association of Free Will Baptists for membership in the State Association,

> O. T. Allred, Chairman, C. B. Dees, Clerk,

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

No. 1 — We recommend that the Missouri State Association charter according to the laws of the state of Missouri.

No. 2—We recommend that the moderator appoint a committee of three members to take steps to charter the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

No. 3—Resolved, That the Free Will Baptist Gem office be designated as the official headquarters of the Missouri State Association.

No. 4—Be it Resolved, That this body adopt the same system used by the National Association; that of charging each delegate the registeration fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for entertainment during the Association.

No. 5—Whereas, we realize our people have a right to expect some results from our Church Extension Program, be it resolved that the Executive Board, together with the officials of the State Association, be instructed to carefully investigate any or all prospects for the establishment of work through our church extension program and employ at their discretion the person or persons best suited to the field of service under consideration.

No. 6—Resolved, That we extend a standing vote of thanks to Elder McKown for the use of the cook tents; also to the moderator, clerk, and the cooks for the faithful and impartial service rendered.

No. 7—Resolved, That we give a standing vote of thanks to the Niangua Church, the Liberty Association, and all other churches and individuals who have contributed toward the entertainment of this the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

O. T. Allred, Chairman,

C. E. Mann, Clerk.

PUBLICATION -- We, your Committee on Publication submit the following:

We feel that our first duty is to support our own publishing houses: Whereas, the paid subscription list for the Gcm is only 1200, and the income therefrom does not pay the total cost of publication, and, whereas, a list of 1700 would pay all costs of publication, therefore we recommend that steps be taken, here in the State Association, to raise 500 new subscriptions.

We recommend that our Associations, with our pastors in the lead, urge that the Gem be sent into every home in the churches.

Great possibilities are before us in helping to place the Gem on a paying standard, and make it possible to have a better Gem, make improvements in the worn equipment, and to turn surplus funds to the denomination for the advancement of major enterprises.

 $\label{eq:committee} \text{Committee} \begin{cases} \text{John B. Rollins,} \\ \text{Henry Long,} \\ \text{A. W. Hartley.} \end{cases}$

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

We recommend that all funds sent in from over the state for education be sent to our state secretary, and he, in turn, shall send the same to the National secretary.

We recommend that we continue the use of the charts in raising educational funds.

We recommend a field worker be appointed in each Association to work and supervise the work in their respective Associations.

Committee Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman, Rev. C. M. Dauber, H. H. Filkins.

Advisory Members: James F. Miller,

Advisory Members: James F. Miller, D. Selph Jones.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS — We, your Committee on Home and Foreign Missions, submit the following report:

We are very thankful for our mission work; both home and foreign, and we want to urge our people to continue its support and increase our budget to a greater sum.

We insist that each local mission send in their ten per cent (10%) to the state secretary.

We suggest that each mission take an offering, twice each year, for the support of the educational program, and let each circle set the date which would be most suitable for them.

We suggest that our people be given another opportunity to pledge their support to the church extension work.

We suggest that a special prayer be offered at this time in behalf of our home and foreign missions.

Committee Eunice A. Miller, Chairman, Kenneth Turner, Ethel Newcomer.

OBITUARY—Whereas, the Lord, in His great wisdom, has called from our midst a number of our dear Missouri Association brothers and sisters throughout the state as follows:

Indian Creek—Rev. Ira Marbut, Miss Esther Apple, Ezekiel Hendrickson, Wilbur Shoemake, Ben Medley, Dorothy Goforth, Mrs. Vernie Newman, Crit Johnson, and Sister Minnie Pounds.

Northwest Missouri - Mrs. Grace Everett.

Liberty - Dea. F. M. Letterman.

Southeast Missouri - Rev. W. C. Hill, Mrs. Sybella Long and Mrs. Charles A. Canterberry.

Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas — Mrs. Elzia Stephens, Mrs. Betty Sanders, Sister Lewis, Oscar Fleming, W. S. Mosby, Edd Jones, and Mrs. Sally Majors.

Niangua - Dea. Roy Shaw, Dea. Albert Bridges, and Mrs Bettie Bridges.

We bow in humble submission to our heavenly Father's holy will. May He bless and comfort the bereaved hearts of the loved ones and keep us true to Him until we meet again in that great home-coming in Heaven.

Committee Roena Thomas, Melba White, Fred Marler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — We, your Sunday School Committee, submit the following:

We recommend that a Missouri Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention be organized during this session of the Missouri State Association.

We recommend that this Sunday School Committee serve as a nominating committee in the election of the officers for the State Convention.

 $\label{eq:committee} \begin{cases} \text{Rev. William Reeves,} \\ \text{John Mace,} \\ \text{Esther Peterson.} \end{cases}$

Organization of Missouri Sunday School Convention

We, the officers of the Missouri State Sunday School Convention, wish to report as follows:

We have three (3) conventions which have twenty-seven (27) Sunday Schools who are showing good interest in the work.

William Reeves, President,

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

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Virgil Greenway, Monett, Mo. Branch, Mo. Frank Linton. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Wm. Reeves Fredericktown, John Swaffar, Norwood, Mo. W. W. Butts. Stover, Mc. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo. Desloge, Mo. Joe Deweese. C. E. Butts, Climax Spg's, Mo. Damon C. Dodd, Flat River, Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo. Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kan. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Sp'gs. E. E. Vestal, Grove Springs, Cecil E. Horner, Novinger, Mo. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo Harold Hoover, Arcadia, Kan. Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kan.

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W. S. Chandler, Niangua, Mo.

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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 or any elected delegates, elected by the bodies holding membership in this body.
- 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 One for one year, one for two years, one for be as follows: 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, held, use and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the Gospel in connection with the Free Will Second - To receive, hold, manage, Bantist denomination. 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. 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
- 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 theron, the objection shall sustained or rejected.
- 5. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.
- 6. Anyone desiring to speak small 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 form 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 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 ressurrection affected 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, JUDGEMENT, 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 punishmen" but the righteous into eternal life."

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 our-selves 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.