

**The**  
**Missouri State Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

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**1941**

**Proceedings of the**  
**28th Annual Session**

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**Convened at**  
**Flat River Church**  
**Flat River, Missouri**

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

FROM JULY 1, 1940 TO JULY 1, 1941

## ASSOCIATIONS

	Harmony	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, 1940	7	13	9	12	8	5	11	8	15	21	109
No. Churches Reporting	7	13	8	11	8	6	11	7	14	18	104
Membership July 1, 1940	300	947	615	676	542	371	423	400	1,299	837	6,410
New Churches Received						1					1
Members Received	10	46	28		20	12	12		177	59	361
Number Baptized	8	21	18	34	20	8	10		98	54	271
Dismissed by Letter	5	28	3	4	1		9		28	8	83
Number excluded	6	6							8	6	26
Number Deceased	12	15	7	3	10	5	6		11	11	80
Resident Members	215	887	548	469	307	271	282	194	1,021	740	4,634
Non-resident Members	85	374	169	258	249	117	132	197	408	147	2,426
No. Churches July 1, 1941	6	13	9	11	8	6	11	8	15	21	108
Membership July 1, 1941	300	961	717	727	556	388	414	291	1,429	887	7,060
Number Prayer Meetings	2	9	4	3	4	1	3	4	10	2	42
Number Leagues	3	6	2		2				8		21
League Membership	35	174	58		50				461		773
Number Home Missions		6			3	2	7		8		26
Home Mis'n Membership		101			72	42	95		199		309
Number Sunday Schools	4	12	5	11	8	6	10	6	13	16	97
S. S. Enrollment	100	449	241	250	394	110	378		1,237	820	3,979
Number of Officers	16	46	10	22	36	20	46		66	39	301
Number of Teachers	12	53	21	34	30	23	39		68	62	342
Amount Paid Pastors	\$275.00	\$1,711.18	\$763.00	\$510.00	\$1,022.65	\$805.00	\$877.72		\$3,054.80	\$800.60	\$9,319.55
Amt. Paid Evangelists	\$30.00	\$380.63	\$61.00	\$175.19	\$310.64	\$108.46	\$140.35		\$546.08	\$103.40	\$1,865.75
Pd. for Building & Repair	\$5.00	\$410.65	\$995.00	\$235.93	\$96.65	\$82.77	\$383.31		\$2,053.01	\$66.00	\$4,328.32
Amt. for Incidentals	\$10.00	\$364.70	\$65.66	\$37.44	\$141.60	\$119.28	\$320.83		\$759.30	\$108.50	\$1,927.71
Value Church Property	\$5,200.00	\$16,600.00	\$8,800.00	\$4,450.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00	\$7,200.00	\$7,000.00	\$26,283.33	\$6,350.00	\$98,783.33
Amt. Foreign Missions		\$122.50	\$66.13		\$94.76	\$23.00	\$140.32		\$195.04		\$641.75
Amt. for Home Missions		\$70.29			\$59.71	\$32.50	\$167.57		\$523.23	\$40.00	\$893.24
Amount for Education		\$90.41	\$10.00		\$122.13	\$11.50	\$34.32		\$210.64	\$5.00	\$484.00
Amount for Publication	\$30.00	\$251.43	\$83.16	\$84.64	\$294.65	\$130.08	\$162.14		\$386.95	\$251.10	\$1,675.15
Amount Budget Money	\$2.00	\$48.00	\$13.10	\$2.00	\$33.56	\$2.00	\$8.95		\$17.25		\$127.71
No. Ordained Ministers	14	22	11	23	7	10	8	7	30	17	149
No. Licensed Ministers	12	13	1	1	6	2			12	8	55
No. Ordained Deacons	17	30	30	30	22	16	34	14	43	38	274
Churches without Pastor							2	1	1		4
No. Churches Disbanded	1			1							2
Minute Money			\$11.65						\$33.20	\$32.60	\$77.51

# **MINUTES**

OF THE

## **TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

### **MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**

### **FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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#### **HELD WITH**

Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri  
beginning on Monday night, September 29, 1941.

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The next annual session of this Association will be held with Mill Creek Church at Myrtle, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the Second Sunday in September, 1942.

Mission Sermon on Monday night by Eld. Alice Dickey, Liberal, Mo.; Eld. Melba White, alternate.

League Sermon on Tuesday 11:00 a.m. by Eld. Damon Dodd, Flat River, Mo.; Eld. Marie Thomas, alternate.

Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.; Eld. W. K. Weston, alternate.

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Free Will Baptist Gem, 211 Bond St., Monett, Missouri

# THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

## OF

### FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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#### OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. James F. Miller,	Kirksville, 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. Kenneth Turner,	Monett, Mo.

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#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. Arlie Hoover, .....	Arcadia, Kans., .....	1946
Eld. Cecil Campbell, ....	Cartersville, Mo., .....	1945
Eld. Henry P. Long, ....	Phillipsburg, Mo., .....	1944
Eld. C. B. Dees, .....	Flat River, Mo., .....	1943
Eld. B. F. Brown, .....	Cassville, Mo., .....	1942

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#### PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

Eld. James F. Miller .....	Kirksville, 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.
John B. Rollins .....	Monett, Mo.

# State Mission Proceedings

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The Missouri State Home Mission Association met in session with the Flat River Church Monday night September 29, 1941.

Meeting was opened by singing led by Eld. S. A. Hand. Devotional by President, Sister Eunice Miller.

Scripture reading, Isaiah 58, by president.

Prayer led by Sister Rowena Thomas.

Special numbers rendered by Girl's Quartette of Fredericktown, Mo., — "God's Pathway To Home".

Eld. Sister Curtis of Illinois brought the introductory message. Scripture, Rev. 6:12-17; text, Rev. 6:17 "For the great day of His wrath is come and who shall be able to stand?" A very inspiring and forceful message was delivered. All present enjoyed the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Fredericktown Girls Quartette rendered another number, "Headin' for Glory Land".

Little Jimmie Miller was present and gave us numbers on piano, volin and accordion, which were enjoyed by all.

Dismissed by Rev. J. F. Miller.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Mission meeting called to order by president, Sister Eunice Miller.

Song service led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Prayer by Sister Rowena Thomas.

Scripture reading, Galations 6, by Eld. Rowena Thomas.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Reports received and delegates seated from following associations: C. W. Missouri and S. E. Kansas, Indian Creek, Northeast Missouri, and Southeast Missouri.

Election of officers as follows: President, Miss Marie Thomas; Vice President, Sister Eunice Miller; Sec-Treas., Ruby Wood; Ass't. Sec'y-Treas., Sister Sylvia Dodd.

Report of Church Extension Fund read and accepted.

Pledges for Church Extension were taken at this time. Those who made pledges were: Rev. John B. Rollins, Rev. Winford Davis, Ethel Newcomer, Ross Thomas, Julia Gammon, Monett Auxiliary, Merls Chapel Auxiliary,

River Mines Circle, Flat River Circle, Dorothy Gammon, St. Louis Mission, Hammon Mission, Mrs. Claude Timmons, Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Report of field worker, Eld. Melba White, read and accepted.

Report of Mission Fund read and accepted.

Motion carried that our Mission Association pay: To Publishing House Maintenance Fund, \$25.00; National Education Fund, \$20.00; Mission President, \$10.00; Printing of Minutes, \$5.00; Field Worker, \$10.00; Secretary-Treasurer, \$10.00.

Miss Melba White made a talk explaining the National Woman's Auxiliary work. Mrs. Elsie Curtis, our Fifth Vice President of National organization, gave some inspiring thoughts on the same subject.

Motion made to organize a Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary. After discussion motion was carried to table the said motion.

A free will offering taken to send to national work. The offering amounted to \$10.39.

Motion carried to adjourn until call of president.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Call session of mission met at eight o'clock.

Service opened by singing led by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Prayer by Sister Curtis of Illinois.

Scripture reading, Psalms 1, by Sister Alice Dickey.

Discussion of the unfinished item of business—That we organize a Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary.

Motion carried to withdraw the said motion.

Motion carried that this body now in session indorse the National Auxiliary Program and recommend the study of the Manual to educate our people to the value of this service.

Motion carried to elect a field worker to go out to teach and inform our people about our Auxiliary work.

Eld. Sister Marie Thomas elected as our field worker.

Motion carried that each pastor of this delegated body support our field worker wholeheartedly in free will offerings, transportation, etc.

Appointment of delegates to National Association as

follows: Sylvia Dodd, Doris Rollins, Jewel Turner, Sister Allred, Sister Eunice Miller, Sister Powel, Sister C. Timmons, Sister G. Lamlin, and Sister La Shum.

Motion carried that Sister Alice Dickey preach our introductory mission sermon; Melba White, alternate.

Minutes of this sitting of the Missouri State Mission Association read and accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### *Receipts:*

Amount brought forward .....	\$16.68
Sale of Manuals .....	4.70
10% received .....	77.97
Total .....	\$99.35

### *Disbursements:*

Postage, Money Orders, etc. ....	\$12.46
Amount on record book .....	\$86.89
Total amount in bank .....	\$93.50
Paid out during Association .....	80.00
Total amount in treasury .....	\$13.50

### Church Extension Fund

Amount brought forward .....	\$210.61
Received during past year .....	227.75
Total .....	\$438.36
Amount received since coming to Association .....	85.20
Total amount in treasury .....	\$523.56

## State League Proceedings

Proceedings of 1941 session of Missouri State League Association held at Flat River, Missouri.

### TUESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Introductory sermon was ably delivered by Elder Kenneth Turner of Monett, Missouri, text, Exodus 4:15

Song by a quartet composed of Eld. and Sister F. C. Zimm, Eld. Bert Rogers, and Sister Bingham.

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

League association called to order for business session by the president Eld. W. K. Weston.

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

Prayer by Eld. Marie Thomas.

Scripture lesson, 12th chapter of Eccl., read by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Letters were received and delegates seated from Southeast Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, and Indian Creek Associations and the Niangua League.

Sister Belva Zinn was seated as corresponding delegate from First Mission League Association of Oklahoma.

Officers elected as follows:

President ..... Eld. W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.  
Vice President ..... Eld. C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo.  
Secretary-Treasurer .... Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.  
Executive Board Member, Lloyd Jefferies, Sheldon, Mo.

Eld. Damon Dodd elected to preach the introductory sermon next year; Sister Marie Thomas, alternate.

### **Program**

"Is the League an Auxiliary of the Church?" discussed by Eld. C. B. Dees and Sister Eunice Miller.

"What Do We See in the Future for Our Youth?" discussed by Eld. Alice Dickey.

Reading by Helen Young of Niangua, title "Trouble in the Amen Corner".

"What the League has been to Missouri" discussed by Dorothy Lovell, Marie Thomas, and C. B. Dees.

"Habit" illustrated by Eld. Winford Davis.

Reading, "The Effect of Repeal," by Helen Young of Niangua.

Talk on League Work by Eld. Bert Rogers of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

### **Financial Disbursements**

Publishing House Fund .....	\$5.00
Education .....	5.00
Clerk Fee .....	2.50
Balance in Treasury .....	\$4.51

### **Program for Next Year**

"Model League" to be sponsored by Lloyd Jefferies.

"Qualification of League Officers" by Nola Apple and Woodrow Matthews.



"How to Get the Most out of Each Lesson" by Mrs. Dorthy Roller. Two others are to be selected for this subject; Eld. C. B. Dees and Eld. Lloyd Jeffries to make the appointments.

Eld. Marie Thomas was endorsed as State League worker.

Adjournment.

## State Association Proceedings

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Twenty-Eighth Annual Session on Tuesday night, September 30, 1941, with the Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri.

Meeting called to order by moderator, Eld. James F. Miller of Novinger, Missouri.

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

Prayer by Eld. J. A. Card of Ozark, Arkansas.

A number of special songs were rendered.

The introductory message was delivered by Eld. Cecil Campbell of Carterville, Mo.; text, Rev. 3:20. A very timely message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

The moderator appointed a temporary committee on Divine Service as follows: C. W. Rickets, M. H. White, and James Huffman.

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### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by moderator, Eld. James F. Miller.

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

Scripture reading, 112th Psalms, by moderator.

Prayer by Eld. B. F. Rogers of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations: Central Western Missouri and South Eastern Kansas, Northeast Missouri, Southeast Missouri, Northwest Missouri, Indian Creek, Niangua, Laclede County, and Liberty.

Corresponding messengers were seated as follows: From Oklahoma, Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Rogers, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Bingham; from Illinois, Rev. Mrs. Charles Curtis and husband; from Arkansas, Rev. J. A. Card.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Moderator,	Eld. James F. Miller,	Novinger, Mo.
Ass't. Mod.,	Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Sec.-Treas.,	Eld. Winford Davis,	Monett, Mo.

Sec.-Treas. selected as his assistant, Eld. John B Rollins, Monett, Missouri.

Moderator appointed Committee on Committees to sit with the moderator and assistant moderator as follows: Wm. Reeves, Cecil Campbell, Ross Thomas.

### WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing led by Rev. Noel Greenway.

Devotional by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Prayer by Rev. Frank Linton.

Number by a special quartette.

Rev. Winford Davis was presented and delivered a missionary message from Rev. 7:9. A touching sermon was given and an enjoyable fellowship prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read. Dismission by Rev. B. F. Brown.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional singing led by Noel Greenway.

Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Scripture lesson 1 Cor. 4.

Motion carried to receive report of Executive Board.

Eld. Arlie Hoover elected as member of Executive Board for a term of five years.

Motion carried to receive report of statistician, Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Eld. Kenneth Turner was re-elected as statistician.

Motion carried to take an offering for the statistician. An amount of \$10.10 was taken.

Business was suspended in order that the committees could assemble for the purpose of preparing their reports.

At this time the stand was filled by Eld. B. F. Rogers, pastor of Free Will Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma. A wonderful message was delivered on the subject, "The Greatness of God"; text, 8th Psalms.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting called to order by assistant moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred.

Opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway.

Prayer by Eld. Frank Linton.

At this time an offering was taken to the amount of \$55.50 in cash and pledges with which to help make it possible to send Eld. Kenneth Turner to Cuba with his motion picture machine to take pictures of the mission fields of Cuba. These pictures are to be brought back to the states and shown to our people.

The stand was filled by Eld. Melvin Bingham, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. A rousing and soul stirring message was delivered from the text Rev. 1:17 and was greatly enjoyed.

Eld. Kenneth Turner showed motion pictures of the State Association activities which he had taken during the State Association a year ago.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional singing led by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Scripture reading, Psalms 37, by O. T. Allred.

Prayer by Rev. Elsie M. Curtis.

Minutes read and approved.

Cave Spring Association letter read and delegates seated.

Motion carried to receive financial report of editor of Free Will Baptist Gem. A standing vote of thanks was given the editor.

Motion carried to receive report of Business Committee to be discussed item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Business Committee.

A cash offering of \$20.00 for insurance at the Gem Office was given.

Pledges and cash was taken to the amount of \$712.50 for the purpose of purchasing new equipment for the Free Will Baptist Gem publishing house.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. John R. Rollins. Subject, "Wrinkles"; text, Eph. 5:27. A powerful and logical message was delivered and was taken by the Spirit to many hearts.

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#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional singing.

Scripture, 119 Psalms, last seven verses.

Prayer by Lloyd Jeffreys.

Motion carried to receive financial report of state treasurer.

Motion carried that the treasurer close his books on Saturday before the State Association begins on Monday of each year.

Motion carried to receive letters as mailed to the State Association from our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Willey and Sister Laura B. Barnard.

At this time the audience was asked to stand and prayer was offered led by Eld. James F. Miller, for our missionaries and our mission program.

Motion carried to adopt report of Committee on Education.

Motion carried to adopt the report of Committee on Home and Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting opened by singing led by Eld. Noel Greenway. Prayer by Bro. Wampler.

Several special numbers were rendered.

Rev. John B. Rollins presented the Free Will Baptist Gem, together with some books on Bible doctrine and Christian work.

Other special numbers were rendered which was attended by a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many shouts of praise were heard.

The stand was filled by Eld. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Missouri. Text, Rom. 8:28. A very splendid message was delivered which was greatly enjoyed.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by moderator, Eld. James F. Miller.

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

Scripture read from 2 Tim. 2nd chapter and prayer by Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried that Eld. Frank Linton deliver the introductory message at the State Association in 1942; Eld. W. K. Weston, alternate.

Motion carried that the moderator be empowered to

appoint delegates to the National Association.

Motion carried to adopt report of publication committee.

Time was given to the State Sunday School Convention for the transaction of their business.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. O. T. Allred of Monett, Missouri. Text, John 4:35; subject, "Vision and Commission". A splendid spiritual message was delivered and greatly appreciated.

Service closed with a handshake.

### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After the Sunday School Convention finished their work the following business was transacted.

Motion carried to adopt Items No. 9, 10 and 11 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September, 1942, with Myrtle Free Will Baptist Church, Myrtle, Missouri.

James F. Miller, Moderator,

Winford Davis, Sec.-Treas.

### FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting opened by singing led by Eld. S. A. Hand. Prayer by Bro. Sherman Young.

A standing vote of thanks was given the Flat River church and community for their hospitality.

Several special song numbers were rendered.

The stand was filled by Eld. F. C. Zinn, pastor of Free Will Baptist Church, Bristow, Oklahoma. Text, St. John 11:28, 29. A powerful sermon was delivered at the close of which an altar call was made, and several came and were saved and reconsecrated to the Lord. The spirit of the Lord was manifest in a wonderful way.

Remarks by the entertaining pastor, Eld. Damon Dodd.

Dismissal by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

### PROGRAM OF SPECIAL MUSIC

Those who took part in rendering special numbers throughout the sessions were as follows: Rev. Noel Greenway, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Rev. D. Selph Jones, Rev. Winford Davis, Rev. B. F. Rogers, Rev. S. A. Hand and a group of young peo-

ple from Fredericktown, Eunice Miller, Martha Burcham, Bro. Curtis from Illinois, Elvins High School Quartet, St. Louis Free Will Baptist Quartet, the Esther-Flat River Nazarene Quartet, and readings by Helen Young.

Those serving as pianists throughout the sessions were: Evelyn Greenway, Rev. Kermit Esther, Sylvia Dodd, Mrs. S. A. Hand, and Carlabelle Sanders.

Committee { Noel Greenway,  
Sylvia Dodd,  
Ethel Newcomer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### BUSINESS —

Item No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That a permanent committee of five (5) be appointed to pass upon questionable manuscript received for publication in the *Gem*. We suggest the following: O. T. Allred, chairman, Kenneth Turner, B. F. Brown, W. K. Weston, and Winford Davis.

Item No. 2 — We recommend that the next session of the Missouri State Association convene with the Myrtle Church of the Cave Springs Association.

Item No. 3 — (a) Be it Resolved, That this body now in session raise all the cash possible for the purpose of more fully equipping the Gem Office by donations from any person in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) more or less. (b) Be it further Resolved, That the plan adopted by this body be presented to the several churches and associations by the pastors or other interested persons until the state has been thoroughly worked. Let this plan be worked and consummated by December 1, 1941.

Item No. 4 — Be it Resolved, That we grant the Sunday School Convention time on Wednesday afternoon each year to transact their business.

Item No. 5 — Inasmuch as the one dollar (\$1.00) registration plan has proven unsatisfactory, we recommend that the churches and local associations adopt the original plan of contributing to the entertainment of this association.

Item No. 6 — Be it Resolved, That the Committee previously named by the Executive Board for incorporating the state work be authorized to re-insure the equipment of the publishing house on the five year plan if possible, and that we raise the first premium here and now.

Item No. 7 — Be it Resolved, That bond be provided for the treasurer of the State Association.

Item No. 8—Be it Resolved, That beginning next year the association begin on Monday night after the second Sunday in September, rather than after the fourth Sunday as now.

Item No. 9—We recommend that all money for state and national work be sent through the state treasurer.

Item No. 10—We recommend that the state adopt the unified program of giving as adopted by the National Association.

Item No. 11—Be it Resolved, That we extend a standing vote of thanks to the Flat River church, the people of Flat River, and the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting for their splendid hospitality and kindness to the delegates and visitors of this body.

Committee	{	Cecil Campbell,
		J. O. Filkins,
		Frank Linton,
		Lloyd T. Jeffreys,
		C. B. Dees.

#### AN ULTIMATUM

PUBLICATION—After investigations, we learn that there are goodly profits derived from a well-managed, well patronized publishing house, and believing our Gem Office is and is to be fully capable of this prestige, we recommend the following precepts for adoption:

That money be secured for immediate negotiations for the necessary equipment to make our publications a first-class business.

That the said money be secured by loans from our people at 4% per annum until such time when the accrued profits from our publications shall repay every loan.

That the said necessary equipment be purchased for cash, and thus unincumbered shall stand as security to our people in the name of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

That a limit be placed on the salaries of the editors which shall not exceed \$2500.00 annually until such loans as we seek are paid.

Committee	{	John B. Rollins,
		Cecil E. Horner,
		Alvin Halbrook.

*Associate Members:* Melvin Bingham,  
Bert F. Rogers,  
Opal Bingham.

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

Inasmuch as our National Executive Secretary, L. R. Ennis, has recently been authorized by our National Board of Education to plan and conduct an extensive financial campaign for the purpose of liquidating the unpaid balance on the school property recently purchased in Nashville, Tennessee, be it therefore resolved,

First, That we, the Missouri State Association, pledge our loyal support to whatever plan he may present to our people.

Second, Inasmuch as pictures of our property in Nashville are soon to be available, therefore we recommend that our churches secure the pictures and place them on a placard in the church, thereby showing the members of the church and the general public the appearance of our school property.

Third, Inasmuch as the National Board of Education are staging Christian Workers' Institutes in various parts of the country, we recommend that our people avail themselves of these outstanding opportunities when at all possible.

Committee { Winford Davis,  
Alice Dickey,  
Ora George.

Associate Members: Melvin Bingham,  
Bert F. Rogers.

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

We are indeed grateful and thankful to the Lord for the way our people of Missouri have responded in the past year to our missionary work. This we feel is the reason the Lord has opened up a new and vast field of work for us in India. We urge our people to definitely pray to the Lord to provide the much needed helpers.

We recommend and urge that every church give monthly to the foreign mission fund and further that every pastor feel a personal responsibility in keeping this matter before their churches.

We recommend that every church have a bulletin board in the church displaying reading matter and pictures of our missionaries and their work.

We recommend that every auxiliary of the church (Leagues, Woman's work, Sunday School) give due consideration to our missionary cause.



We recommend that every Mission Circle or Woman's Auxiliary give a separate offering to our mission field worker when she visits the churches.

We recommend that our people throughout the state use the penny-a-day plan, as set forth by the National Association, to raise money for the unified program fund.

We recommend further that an explanation of this plan be given at this association.

We recommend that all money collected through the penny-a-day plan be sent to our State Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee { Mrs. Jewell Campbell,  
              { Mrs. Eunice A. Miller,  
              { Melba White.

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

Northwest Missouri—Sister Kerns, Mary Helms, Mrs. Erma Woods, W. L. Bostow, and Lonnie Euchnan.

Northeast Missouri—Mrs. Mary Gregory, Oscar Loy, Mrs. Retha Cogill, Mrs. Ettie Houston, Mrs. Francis Sumpter, and John Adkins.

Southeast Missouri—Rev. J. P. Maze, Rev. J. L. Newburn, Sister Odelia Rice, Sister Tom Hart, Bro. E. L. Young, Sister Arwissa Bayless, Bro. Chas. Moore, Bro. Paul Fryman, and Bro. Clay Berry.

Indian Creek—Janie Lassiter, Lee Jones, John Walker, Oscar Parmley, Miss Carlye, Myrtle Horner, Addie G. Swaffar, Vernie Newman, Vina West, W. J. Leonard, Dewey Peauler, Sister Elliot Turner, Kit Randall, Rachall Whitehead, James Bynum, Mack Black.

Cave Spring—Catherine Jane Fortune, Martha Louvina Fisher, John Samuel Campbell, Rev. J. E. S. Pentecost, John Redburn Winfield Harbison, Sarah Ann Longley, Will Cartee, Mrs. Hettie Huddleston, Wayne Bennett, Violet Rose Beatty.

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 { Ross Thomas,  
              { W. K. Weston,  
              { Joe Deweese.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Foreign Mission Fund

Amount brought forward from last year .....	\$ 89.83
Amount received during past year .....	724.09
Total .....	\$813.92
Amount paid out during past year .....	767.64
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 46.28

### Educational Program

Amount brought forward from last year .....	\$103.46
Amount received during past year .....	454.98
Total .....	558.44
Amount paid out during past year .....	444.03
Balance in treasury .....	\$114.41

### Budget Fund

Amount brought forward from last year .....	\$ 57.80
Amount received during past year .....	129.33
Total .....	\$187.13
Amount paid out during past year as follows:	
State minutes .....	\$40.00
Receipt books .....	1.00
Postage .....	7.26
B. F. Brown on note .....	15.50
Insurance at Gem Office .....	20.86
Annual Dues to National Association .....	10.00
Clerk Hire .....	5.00
Statistician hire .....	10.10
Total .....	109.72
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 77.41

### New Machinery Fund

Amount brought forward from last year ....	\$ 1.00
Amount received during past year .....	108.00
Total .....	\$109.00

### Publishing House Maintenance Fund

Amount received during past year .....	\$104.33
Amount paid out during past year .....	104.33

## Penny-A-Day Fund

Amount received during past year .....	\$288.84
Amount paid out during past year .....	275.00
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 13.84

## Totals

Amount brought forward from last year ....	\$ 252.09
Amount received during past year .....	1,809.57
Total .....	\$2,061.66
Amount paid out during past year on all funds .....	1,700.72
Balance in treasury on all funds .....	\$ 360.94

## GEM OFFICE REPORT

### INCOME:

Subscriptions .....	\$863.75
Gifts .....	57.81
Work .....	1,597.33
Total .....	\$2,518.85

### EXPENSES:

Tithe .....	\$125.73
Office employ (Herbert) .....	420.00
Office employ (Margaret) .....	63.40
Office employ (Leon) .....	51.75
Office employ (Virginia) .....	25.00
Office employ (Editor) .....	630.24
Postage and freight .....	129.78
Utilities .....	160.45
Fuel .....	77.84
Printing supplies .....	618.49
Matrix and repairs .....	120.47
Paid on stove .....	49.80
Miscellaneous .....	Unfigured
Total .....	\$2,518.85

## MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

### Indian Creek Association

O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	C. M. Hatfield, Pierce City
John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.	Cecil Campbell, Carterville
Noel Greenway, Monett, Mo.	B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.

Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo.	Delmer Cochran, Exeter, Mo.
C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.	Frank Linton, Branch, Mo.
W. B. Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	Mrs. Rosa Thomas, Purdy, Mo.
B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.	Joe Brooks, Washington
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.	

*Licensed Ministers*

George La Shum, Monett, Mo.	Norman Green, Granby, Mo.
Marguarette Timmons, Monett	John Thrasher, Anderson, Mo.
Lottie Farmer, Aurora, Mo.	Roscoe Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.
Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.	Beulah McKee, Neosho, Mo.
John B. Rollins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.	

### Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

John Long, Patton, Mo.	Geo. Miller, Fredericktown
Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte	J. M. Henderson, Mill Creek
J. L. Yancey, Fredericktown	Damon Codd, Flat River, Mo.
S. A. Hand, Fredericktown	C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo.
Albert Halbrooks, Leadington	Joe Deweese, Desloge, Mo.
John J. Johnston, Normandy	Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Mark M. Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.	Alvin Halbrooks, Leadington
Claude Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo.	John Maze, Mill Creek, Mo.
A. E. Gully, St. Louis, Mo.	Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	Self Jones, St. Genevieve, Mo.
P. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.	Chas. Moyer, Marquand, Mo.
Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.	

*Superannuated Ministers*

S. M. Ferguson, Flat River	S. V. Simmons, Mill Creek
L. N. Beard, Bismark, Mo.	Chas. Canterberry, Knob Lick
Chas. E. Wood, Fredericktown	J. D. Flannery, Farmington
Dea. O. B. Womack, Clerk, Leadington, Mo.	

### Northeast Missouri Association

Sam Marcum, Cameron, Mo.	Cecil Horner, Stahl, Mo.
Chas. A. Phillips, Stahl, Mo.	Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.
Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.	Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.
James F. Miller, Kirksville	
Archie Cooper, Clerk, Novinger, Mo.	

### Laclede County Association

Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	Curtis Wilson, Hazel Green
S. N. Reid, Brownfield, Mo.	Ray Scrivener, Plad, Mo.
Bland Massey, Grove Springs,	L. H. Jones, Falcom, Mo.
D. A. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.	C. E. Butts, Climax Springs
Walter Bingham, Brownfield	A. W. Bailey, Plad, Mo.
A. J. Chambers, Orla, Mo.	T. J. Peterson, Dry Knob, Mo.

C. E. Cornelison, Leabanon	W. W. Butts, Stover, Mo.
Roy Jones, Dry Knob, Mo.	Dave Findley, Edwards, Mo.
J. R. Reid, Brownfield, Mo.	Lee Carpenter, Edwards, Mo.
M. E. Breasher, Brownfield	Dave Starnes, Dry Knob, Mo.
J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.	Clarence Broyles, Oakland
L. J. Ruble, Brownfield, Mo	A. L. Sapp, Branch, Mo.
Curtis Wilson, Clerk, Brownfield, Mo.	

### Northwest Missouri Association

Roy L. Hancock, Haddam, Ks.	John McKown, Lock Springs,
C. M. Dauber, Hemple, Mo.	Vernie Welbaum, Pattonsburg
W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo.	Mary Wellbaum, Pattonsburg
L. C. Ferguson, Weatherby	Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.	

#### *Licensed Ministers*

Howard DeWeese, Easton, Mo.	Chas S. Ballinger (Negro).
Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.	

### Liberty Association

E. E. Vestal, Grovespring, Mo.	Henry Long, Phillipsburg, Mo.
Widd McClanahan, Grovesp'g.	Lem Williams, Springfield
John Mace, Niangua, Mo.	John Swaffar, Niangua, Mo.
Gilbert Thomas, Springfield	Laster Branstetter, Springf'd.
John Moore, Grovespring, Mo.	Tona Jinks, Grovespring, Mo.
Marion Williams, Grovespring	

#### *Licensed Ministers*

Vinita Broyles, Grovespring	
Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Grovespring, Mo.	

### Harmony Association

O. L. Claxton, Seymour, Mo.	A. M. Halford, Brushy Knob
John H. Claxton, Hartville	Elias Matney, Ava, Mo.
L. M. Marler, Ava, Mo.	Robert Robinson, Squires, Mo.
T. B. Marler, Ava, Mo.	Harry Johns, Seymour, Mo.
Fred Marler, Cedar Cap, Mo.	Clark Lambert, Cold Springs
Floyd Mears, Ava, Mo.	John W. Silvey, Ava, Mo.
T. C. Halford, Brushy Knob	

Orville Belvins, Clerk, Seymour, Mo.

### Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Ass'n.

C. R. Dick, Eldorado Springs	Harold Hoover, Arcadia, Kan.
H. S. Ford, Picher, Okla.	Alice Dickey, Liberal, Mo.
Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans.	Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.
Rowena Thomas, Arcadia, Ks.	Lloyd Jeffreys, Sheldon, Mo.

Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Sp'gs.	Callie Achord, Jerico, Springs
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	Floy Hartley, Arcola, Mo.
<i>Superannuated Ministers</i>	
J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.	Edith Mayfield, Lamar, Mo.
Thora Arbogast, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.	

## CONSTITUTION

1. This association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. The object of this association shall be for the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists 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 a 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 Baptists, 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 Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session through a letter or delegates by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, after written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word, and prayer; and shall be closed with prayer.

2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member, but cannot be discussed, unless by a vote of this body.

3. No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without consent of the moderator.

4. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the moderator to the association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

5. No one shall leave the association without the consent of the moderator.

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the moderator.

7. The moderator shall stop all discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a report of the work done for this association.

9. This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

10. All officers of this association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot, except when the rules are suspended, then election may be by acclamation.

11. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

12. All committees shall be appointed by the moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a two-thirds vote of this body.

13. All business coming before this association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection.

14. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the constitution, receive quarterly meetings or associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

15. The number of delegates to the State Association shall be one delegate for the association and in addition, one delegate for every fifty resident members or major fraction thereof.

16. These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this association.

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## 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 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 punishment," but the righteous into eternal life.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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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, the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and 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.