

The
Missouri State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Proceedings of the
29th Annual Session

Convened at
Mill Creek Church
Myrtle, Missouri

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Mill Creek Church, Myrtle, Missouri
beginning on Monday night, September 14, 1942.

The next annual session of this Association will be held with Monett Church at Monett, Missouri, beginning on Monday night following the Second Sunday in September, 1943.

Mission Sermon on Monday night by Eld. Marie Thomas, Monett, Mo.; Eld. Alice Dickey, alternate.

League Sermon on Tuesday 11:00 a. m. by Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo.; Eld. Winford Davis, alternate.

Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night by Eld. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.; Eld. F. C. Zinn, alternate.

THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OFFICERS

Moderator,	Eld. James 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. Kenneth Turner,	Monett, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Eld. B. F. Brown,	Cassville, Missouri	1947
Eld. Arlie E. Hoover,	Arcadia, Kansas	1946
Eld. Cecil Campbell,	Carterville, Missouri	1945
Eld. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Missouri	1944
Eld. C. B. Dees,	Flat River, Missouri	1943

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	St. Genevieve, Mo.
Eld. John B. Rollins	Monett, Mo.

ASSOCIATION PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its Twenty-Ninth Annual Session on Tuesday night September 15, 1942, with the Mill Creek Church, Myrtle, Missouri.

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

Opened by singing led by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Prayer by Eld. O. T. Allred.

A number of special songs were rendered.

The introductory message was delivered by Eld. Frank Linton of Tunis, Missouri; text, Gen. 3:12, "The woman whom thou gavest to be with me." A very able and inspirational message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

The Committee on Divine Service was appointed by Moderator as follows: Harry Beatty, Ross Thomas and Harry Filkins.

Wec TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

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

Opened by singing.

Scripture read in unison, Psalm 19:14.

Prayer by Bro. John Keeney.

Letters read, received and delegates seated from the following associations: Indian Creek, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, Northeast Missouri, Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, Northwest Missouri, Liberty, and Cave Spring.

Prayer was offered at this time for our Bible School just opened in Nashville, Tenn.

Officers were elected as follows:

Mod. Eld. James 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. John B. Rollins Monett, Mo.

Committee on committees were appointed as follows to sit with the moderator: Ross Thomas, John Keeney, and Winford Davis.

The enrollment was taken.

Benediction by Bro. Beatty.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Eld. Mark Lewis of St. Louis, Missouri; text, Matt. 23:12; subject, "Free Will Baptists advancing and staying humble." A splendid soul stirring message was delivered and highly enjoyed.

Report of Committee on Committees was read.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing, and prayer by Eld. Cecil E. Horner.

Scripture read by Moderator, 2 Peter 1.

Motion carried to receive report of the treasurer and commend him for his untiring efforts.

Motion carried to receive report of executive board.

Members were elected on the executive board as follows: Eld. B. F. Brown for a term of five years; Eld. O. T. Allred to fill the unexpired term of Eld. Henry P. Long which term expires in 1944.

Motion carried to receive report of the Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem and commend him for his faithful work. A number of subscriptions were taken for the "Gem".

Rev. J. R. Davidson, who just arrived, was cordially granted time and gave to us a few words of greetings.

Motion carried to receive item No. 1 of Business Committee.

An offering in cash and pledges was taken to the amount of \$274.69 with which to pay off indebtedness on equipment at the Gem Office.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Missions and take it up item by item for discussion and adoption.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of Mission Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Mission Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of Mission Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of Mission Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Mission Committee report.

Motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a. m. Thursday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service opened Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock by singing and prayer.

A number of special songs were rendered and enjoyed after which the stand was filled by Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business and Financial Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Davidson used as a subject, "The Miracle Man"; text, Rev. 1:17-18. A powerful and inspirational message was ably delivered and greatly enjoyed by several hundred people who were gathered under the large gospel tent. An invitation was made to the lost.

After the message Bro. Davidson presented the needs of the Bible School. An offering was taken for the school to the amount of \$41.20.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The meeting opened by singing.

Devotional led by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Scripture reading, 2 Cor. 6th chapter.

Prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to elect the following as delegates to the National Association: Marie Sherril, Flat River, Mo.; Belva Zinn, Fredericktown, Mo.; Christene Dees, Desloge, Mo.; Jewell Campbell, Cartersville, Mo.; Mrs. Beulah Henson, Flat River, Mo.; Eunice Miller, Flat River, Mo.; Erma Berry, Flat River, Mo.; Gusie Hamblen, Flat River, Mo.; Hazel E. Scott, River Mines, Mo.; J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Missouri.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Sunday Schools. At this time this committee was appointed as a nomination committee to nominate the State Sunday School officers.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of Mission Committee report. In connection with this Eld. C. B. Dees read the recommendations which makes clear the plan of work of the National Home Mission Board.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, Eld. Kenneth Turner, commend him for his work, and re-elect him to this position for another year.

Motion carried to receive report of Business Committee for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt items No. 2 and 3 of Business Committees.

Motion carried to table item No. 4 of Business Committee until afternoon session.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing, and prayer by Rev. James F. Miller.

After special singing Bro. Cecil Campbell brought the message; subject, "My heart is fixed on God." A spiritual and inspirational message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting opened by singing.

Scripture reading by Assistant Moderator, Eld. O. T. Allred from 3rd Chapter Colossians.

Prayer by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Special singing was rendered by the Smyrna Singing Class.

Further registration was taken.

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

The moderator gave a detailed account of the meeting of the executive board which was held in the Gem Office at Monett, Missouri, May 13, 1942.

Motion carried that the next session of this Association be held with the Monett Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Mo., as suggested in item No. 6 of Business Committee, beginning on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September, 1943.

Eld. Harry Beatty was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the 1943 session; Eld. F. C. Zinn, alternate.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Business Committee with necessary amendments.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 7 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt report and recommendations of Sunday School Committee.

A few minutes were given the newly elected director of publicity in the Sunday School work, Eld. Mark Lewis, to talk on the work of his office.

While committee work was being done, Eld. O. T. Allred led a rousing praise service.

Prayer was offered for the soldier boys led by Eld. Mark Léwis.

Adjourned until 9:00 a. m. Friday.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The evening service was devoted to the interest of foreign mission work.

Several special numbers were rendered.

The stand was filled by Eld. Winford Davis who brought a missionary message from Rom. 10:11-15. A spiritual message was delivered.

Following the message Eld. Kenneth Turner showed the motion pictures of the tour made by the deputation party on the Island of Cuba. The pictures were greatly enjoyed.

An offering for foreign missions was taken to the amount of \$36.39.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting opened by singing.

Devotional led by Eld. Frank Linton.

Scripture reading, Psalm 116.

Prayer by Eld. Wm. Reeves.

Motion carried to give Eld. Kenneth Turner 50% of the missionary offering which was taken Thursday evening for his services with the picture machine. Bro. Turner in turn gave \$5.00 back to the foreign mission fund.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Education for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt recommendations 1, 2, and 3 of report of Committee on Education.

Motion carried that all important committee reports be published in the "Gem".

Motion carried to adopt report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive the statistical report of the State Sunday School Convention.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Free Will Baptist church in Monett, Missouri, on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September, 1943.

At 11:00 o'clock, after devotions and some special songs, the stand was filled by Eld. James F. Miller; text,

Rev. 22:1. A powerful and inspirational message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

At the close of service an old fashioned handshake of fellowship was enjoyed in which hundreds took part. A great outpouring of the spirit was manifested.

Eld. Winford Davis, Clerk-Treas., Monett, Mo.

Eld. James F. Miller, Moderator, Flat River, Mo.

Those who served during the sessions of the week as song leaders, pianists, and special singers are as follows:

Song Leaders—Cecil Campbell, F. C. Zinn, James F. Miller, Winford Davis.

Pianists—Marie Thomas, Jewell Campbell, Glenda Moore, Thora Arbogast, Christene Dees.

Special Singers—Rev. and Mrs. Zinn, Marie Thomas, Paul Sitz, Geraldine Johnson, Kenneth Beatty, Rose Ann Lewis, Ralph Staten, Charles Staten, Lucille Beatty, Smyrna Singing Class, John Keeney, L. A. Crass, W. L. Choat, Mabel Calwell, Fred Dotson, Ella Dotson, Russell Muse, Emory Watson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Foreign Mission Fund

Amount brought forward last year	\$ 46.28
Amount received during past year	1,519.70
Total	\$1,565.98
Amount paid out during past year	1,555.77
Balance in treasury	\$ 10.21

New Machinery Fund

Amount brought forward from last year	\$ 109.00
Amount received during past year	1,713.66
Total	\$1,822.66
Amount paid out during past year	\$1,822.66

Educational Fund

Amount brought forward from last year	\$ 114.41
Amount received during past year	2,659.71
Total	\$2,774.12
Amount paid out during past year	\$2,751.62
Balance in treasury	\$ 22.50

Allocation Fund (Penny-A-Day)

Amount brought forward from last year	\$ 13.84
Amount received during past year	339.21
Total	<u>\$353.05</u>
Amount paid out during past year	335.49
Balance in treasury	<u>\$ 17.56</u>

Jehoida Chest Fund

Amount received during past year	\$82.52
Amount paid out during past year	78.52
Balance in treasury	<u>\$ 4.00</u>

Budget Fund

Amount brought forward from last year	\$77.41
Amount received during past year	85.13
Total	<u>\$162.54</u>
Amount paid out during past year	138.61
Balance in treasury	<u>\$ 23.93</u>

Benevolent Fund

Amount received during past year	\$293.43
Amount paid out during past year as follows:	
For Tennessee Orphanage	\$280.43
For Kentucky Orphanage	5.00
For Superannuation	6.00
Total amount paid out	291.43
Balance in treasury	<u>\$ 2.00</u>

Entertainment Fund

Amount received during past year	<u>\$536.86</u>
Amount paid out	<u>536.86</u>

Totals

Amount brought forward on all funds	\$ 360.94
Amount received on all funds	7,230.22
Total	<u>\$7,591.16</u>
Amount paid out on all funds	<u>7,510.96</u>
Balance in treasury on all funds	<u>\$ 80.20</u>

— Winford Davis, Treasurer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

On March 13, 1942, the executive board and the publication committee met in joint session at the Gem Office in Monett, Missouri.

Meeting called to order by the chairman, Eld. B. F. Brown. Scripture was read from 2 Timothy 1 by Eld. Cecil Campbell. Prayer by Eld. Kenneth Turner.

Board members present: Eld. B. F. Brown, Eld. Cecil Campbell, Eld. Arlie Hoover, Eld. C. B. Dees.

Publication Committee present: Eld. J. F. Miller, Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. J. B. Rollins, Eld. B. F. Brown, Eld. O. T. Allred seated as proxy for Bro. M. H. White, Eld. Kenneth Turner seated as proxy for Bro. John Peterson, Bro. Ed Wade seated as proxy for Eld. D. S. Jones.

Statements were made by Eld. John B. Rollins giving his reasons for resigning as editor of the Gem. The greatest of his reasons was financial embarrassment.

After a lengthy discussion of this matter a motion was made and sustained by the body that we retain Bro. Rollins in his present position of responsibility and provide financial aid as now needed.

A motion was made and sustained by the body to transfer the money known as the Church Extension Fund from the Home Mission Treasury to the Executive Board Treasury, and that the money that comes in hereafter be given to the said Executive Board treasurer.

Bro. Rollins agreed to remain as editor of the "Gem" under these arrangements.

Motion made and sustained by the body that we make a loan to Bro. Rollins of \$450.00 from the Church Extension fund, and that it be secured by a note from Bro. Rollins.

Motion made and sustained by the body that this joint committee appoint a board of directors comprising three members to supervise the business activities of the "Gem". Board of Directors: Eld. C. T. Allred, Chairman, Eld. Winford Davis, Eld. W. K. Weston, Secretary.

Motion made and sustained by the body that Bro. Miller make a report of this meeting in full detail through the "Gem".

Motion made and sustained by members of the Executive Board to declare a vacancy on the board in the place of Bro. Henry Long.

Motion made and sustained by said board that Eld. O. T. Allred be elected to fill the vacancy.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn.

Benediction by Eld. J. F. Miller.

On Friday night, March 13, 1942, after services in the Monett church, the members present met.

Motion was made and sustained that notice be given through the Gem paper that on and after May 1, 1942, the subscription price of the Gem will be 75 cents per year.

A few months ago there came a request to us for aid in starting a mission in St. Louis. After prayer and consideration we deemed it unwise to venture until further investigation was made. It seems that some of our people have the idea that our church extension fund is for an evangelistic campaign, but it is not so. It is to revive and restore that which has already been started.

A number of letters have been written concerning the work of Free Will Baptist cause.

September 1, 1942, finds us with a bank account of \$156.56
A note from J. B. Rollins for 450.00

Total\$606.56

— Rev. C. B. Dees, Sec.-Treas.

EDITOR'S REPORT

The Great Commission given by our Lord to Christian disciples, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" cannot be obeyed by any one Christian. The co-operative engagement of large groups of Christians who will dare to crucify themselves is required. Even they must have a mind to work and a vision of a lost world to be won for Christ. Such enterprising cannot succeed without a firm understanding which is made possible only by a good system of communication.

The Free Will Baptist Gem is thus employed in the Service of Christ to make known the possibilities of obeying the Great Command of Christ by the flaming souls of our brotherhood throughout our entire connection. God has graciously given our demonination unusual privileges of rendering acceptable service in these days of crisis. Thank God, we are rising to the occasion.

As recent as five years ago, the circulation of the "Gem" was only 700. Two years later, when we moved into new quarters, the circle of readers was enlarged to 1088. Another year saw the advance to 1200. Last year we enjoyed a family circle of 1600 readers. Today we stand with 1900 paid subscribers in

thirty-three states and three foreign countries. Of these 1900, only 578 are living in Missouri. This is a loss of 200 Missouri readers during the past 18 months. While we have lost ground in Missouri, we have more than regained it in other states.

Financially, we have gained. The last report that our former editor submitted to the Missouri State Association showed the annual income to be \$800.00 at that time which was the best report ever submitted. In 1940, another "best" report revealed an annual income of \$1775.00. Last year, the very finest report thrilled all of us in the matter of \$2500.00 income. Today, we are privileged to speak in terms of \$3016.76 annual income.

These blessings, as roses, have not been picked without the resultant effect of the "thorns". We suffered one serious set-back during the year just past. Providence thrust upon us the responsibility of installing modern equipment in the time of the very climax of our busiest season. The result was a loss of shocking proportions. Within the next few days, the war clouds swooped over our nation and national regulations stiffened, and we are content to know that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord.

Today we are equipped and have already more than regained our lost prestige and are moving out into the almost unlimited possibilities of serving Christ for the benefits and blessing of His people.

INCOME

Subscriptions	\$ 817.80
Sales, Work, etc.,	2,125.36
Total	\$3016.76

EXPENSES

Gifts to the Denomination	\$140.69
Employ (Herbert)	480.64
Employ (John)	643.00
Employ (boy and girl)	320.35
Postage	165.32
Printing Supplies	955.11
Utilities	142.61
Fuel	81.20

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS —

No. 1 — Be it Resolved, That we take cash and pledges sufficient to pay the indebtedness on our equipment and insurance on the equipment and property at Monett, Missouri.

No. 2—Be it Resolved, That beginning with this setting of the State Association, the local association entertainig the State Association be responsible for cleaning and forwarding the equipment of the Association to the next entertaining church.

No. 3—Be it Resolved, That this Association instruct our clerk to prepare and send cards to each local church clerk in the state, at the expense of the State Association, asking them to announce and take at least one offering for the entertainment of the State Association. These cards are to be mailed June 1st. We suggest a goal of \$5.00 for each church.

No. 4—In as much as the National Association requires \$10.00 for the state and \$5.00 for each local association, be it resolved, that each local association be responsible for their \$5.00 to be paid to the state treasurer by June 30th.

No. 5—Be it resolved that the Missouri State Association in session this 17th day of September go on record as unanimously approving and uniting our efforts with other Christians and fraternal organizations in prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, beers and wines around our army camps or to our armed forces.

No. 6—Be it Resolved, That the next setting of the Missouri State Association be held with the Monett Church in Indian Creek Association.

No. 7—Inasmuch as the Cave Spring Association and the Mill Creek church and community have so wonderfully entertained this the twenty-ninth session of the Missouri State Association, Be it Resolved, That we give them a standing vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality and entertainment.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—We, your Committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report:

We are glad to note the marked increase in foreign mission interest in our denomination. We are gratified to notice that Missouri has given more the past year for foreign missions than any year previous—the total amount being \$1,565.98. This is to be appreciated; but yet we can do even more if we will. The way the Lord is opening doors for us in Cuba spells increased responsibility for us as a people. God is giving us the missionaries and the fields therefore may we not fail to arise to the challenge.

We wish to recommend the following:

1. That one evening service during the setting of this association be given to the foreign mission program; in which service we have a stirring message on missions, and invite Rev. Kenneth Turner to show his motion pictures of the tour

of the deputation party in Cuba.

2. That each church, which does not already have such, institute some plan of weekly or monthly giving to foreign missions. We suggest the drill offering, a designated Sunday school offering, or some other plan which will mean a regular systematic giving to this worthy work.

3. That each church avail themselves of the opportunity to purchase the missionary pictures of India and Cuba to place on bulletin boards in the church so as to create interest in foreign missions. The pictures are to be ordered from Rev. Marie Thomas at two cents per print.

4. Noticing that the quota for foreign missions for this state was set at the National Association to the amount of \$1200.00, and taking notice that this state has given nearly \$1600.00 during the past twelve months therefore we recommend that our quota be raised to \$2,000.00.

5. We present the following as prayer needs, for which may we pray daily: Rev. and Mrs. Willey who are laboring so tirelessly in Cuba, Rev. Paul Woolsey, who at this time is endeavoring to get passage to India for Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Rev. and Mrs. Eamon Dodd, for Rev. and Mrs. Dodd who have entered school at Nashville looking forward to entering the field in India, for more workers on the field in Cuba especially for a man and wife and a teacher for the Willey children, for our native workers in Cuba who are leading out and organizing Free Will Baptist churches there, for our National Foreign Mission Board who have such great responsibility resting on them, and that our home people may get a greater and broader vision of our opportunity and responsibility to carry the gospel around the world.

6. As touching Home Missions may we bear in mind that we cannot have and support a foreign work unless we have a lively and established home work. Since there is a plan outlined by our National Home Mission Board we recommend that the recommendations of this board be read to this body for consideration and adoption.

There is no such thing as support of missions, either home or foreign, without vision. God said, "where there is no vision the people perish." Therefore may we, His people, catch a greater vision of a world dying without God, and, in turn, make a far greater effort than ever before to get the gospel to them.

Committee { Winford Davis,
C. B. Dees,
Earl Milton Cockrell.

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

Whereas, in the providence of God, He has made possible the opening of our Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, on the 15th day of September, 1942, and whereas our hearts have been made to rejoice in the accomplishment, be it therefore resolved, that the Missouri State Association pledge our full support and co-operation to our Bible School.

1. We recommend that in co-operation with the plan submitted by the National Board of Education, every church adopt a system of giving monthly to the school fund.

2. We recommend that the first Sunday of each month be set aside as a special day of prayer for our Bible School, remembering our president, Bro. Johnson, the faculty, business manager, and board of education, together with all the students who may be in attendance, that the Lord will supply all their needs.

3. We recommend to this body that they encourage young men and women who are contemplating entering fields of Christian service to take training in our Free Will Baptist Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee.

Committee	{	James F. Miller,
		Frank Linton,
		Jewell Campbell,
		Kenneth Turner,
		Blanch Tucker.

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 — Mrs. Huldah Jane Lewis, Mrs. Henry Nelson, Miss Bertha Hadley, Bro. Albert Bonesteel.

Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas — Otha Majors, Mary Dever, Wilma Mayfield, Tom Richardson.

Indian Creek — J. W. Marbut, Mamie Summey, I. C. Inman, J. W. Sheppard, Mrs. Pearl Luney, J. A. Dean, Grandma Dawson, John Lawson, Abbie Scott.

Northeast Missouri — Cecil Bass, Charley Hendricks, Mrs. Crooks.

Southeast Missouri — Claud Lincoln, Mrs. Mary Jackson, Mrs. Columbus Lincoln, Mrs. Nellie Davis, Will Tinsley, Amanda Tinsley, Grandma Tinkler.

Cave Spring — Mrs. Arthur Holman, Elizabeth Custer, Missouri Cockman, J. R. W. Harbison, Rebecca Taylor, Ryle Thomp-

son, Tom Pitts, Charlie Carrol, W. H. Blankenship.

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 { Melba White,
Lucille Beatty,
Thora H. Arbogast.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT—We, your Sunday School Committee, after finding that the executive officers of the Sunday School organization are not in attendance, wish to make the following recommendations:

We recommend the State Association consider the re-organization of the Sunday School work at this setting.

NOMINATING—We, your Nominating Committee recommend the following officers:

President Bro. Albert Tucker, River Mines, Mo.
Vice President Bro. Orville Dobbs, Novinger, Mo.
Sec'y.-Treas., Sister Blanche Tucker, River Mines, Mo.
Ass't. Secretary Paul Sitz, Flat River, Mo.
Director of Organization, Bro. Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte, Mo.
Director of Publication Bro. John Rollins, Monett, Mo.
Director of Denominational Enterprises,—

F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Mo.
Director of Publicity Bro. Mark Lewis
Director of Missions Bro. Cecil Horner, Novinger, Mo.

Committee { William Reeves,
Effie Matthews,
Doris Rollins.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

Number of Conventions	3
Number reporting	2
Total enrollment	1018
Total Attendants	12,716
Condition of Sunday Schools	good
Number on cradle roll	101
Number of chapters read	20,669
Total amount of offering	\$ 1,417.94
Amount of expenditures	\$826.14
Balance on hand	\$746.61

—Blanch Tucker, Sec'y.-Treas.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Missouri State Association met with the Mill Creek church at Myrtle, Mo., September 14, 1942.

After the song service, the scripture was read by Sister Marie Sherrill from James 2:14-26.

Prayer by Sister Jewel Campbell.

Special song "Ready" by Bro. and Sister Farrell Zinn.

Prayer by Bro. Mark Lewis.

Solo, "The Upper Window," by Bro. Winford Davis.

Mission sermon by Sister Alice Dickey. Text, 1 Cor. 16-9. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." An inspiring message was delivered.

Benediction by Bro. Ralph Staten.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

State mission service called to order with singing led by Elder F. C. Zinn.

Scripture reading by Vice President, Sister Eunice Miller, reading 2 Cor. 5th chapter.

Prayer by Sister Pearl Sirclum.

Letters called for and read. Motion carried to receive the reports and seat the delegates—19 elected delegates and 16 standing delegates.

At this time prayer was offered by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Motion carried to reorganize into a State Woman's Auxiliary work.

Sister Jewell Campbell was elected by acclamation as state auxiliary president.

A nominating committee was elected composed of Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, Rev. Miss Marie Thomas, Sister Jewell Campbell, Sister Blanche Tucker.

The Woman's Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws read by Sister Eunice Miller.

The church extension report called for and read.

Motion carried to accept church extension report, with this correction: "Entire amount to be turned over to Executive Board to be used at their discretion."

Motion carried to receive mission fund report.

Motion carried to receive nominating committee's report as follows:

President - - Sister Jewel Campbell, Carterville, Mo.
First Vice President - - - - - Eunice Edwards
1917 Pestalozzi, St. Louis, Mo.

Second Vice President, Alberta Dodd, Flat River, Mo.

Third Vice President, Sister Doris Rollins, Monett, Mo.

Fourth Vice President, Alma Adams, River Mines, Mo.

Fifth Vice President - - - Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey
3229 E. Sixth St., Kansas City, Mo.

Recording Sec.-Treas., Hazel E. Scott, River Mines, Mo.

Corresponding Sec'y., Opal Williams, Carterville, Mo.

Field Worker - - - - - Sister Eunice Edwards

Our field worker, Sister Marie Thomas, made her report. Motion carried to receive report.

Motion carried to have officers to allocate State funds.
Business adjourned until Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

Called session to order by president, Jewel Campbell.
Song led by Sister Belva Zinn, tittle, "I Love To Tell The Story."

Prayer led by Sister Blanche Tucker.

At this time a recommendation was presented as follows:

Representation by delegation. each district convention shall be entitled one delegate for the organization and one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members or major fraction thereof. Each local auxiliary or mission not belonging to a district convention shall be entitled to one delegate. All ordained ministers shall be considered as advisory members in the State Convention. Motion carried that we adopt recommendation. At this time delegates were elected to National A'ssn. as follows:

Mrs. Hazel E. Scott, Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, Mrs. Belva Zinn, Mrs. Alma Adams, Miss Marie Thomas, Mrs. Thelma Lewis, Mrs. Blanche Tucker, Mrs. Marie Sherill, Mrs. Doris Rollins, and Mrs. Eunice Miller.

At this time motion was carried to elect Sister Marie Thomas to preach the introductory sermon of the Woman's Auxiliary at the next setting of State Association. Her alternate elected was Sister Alice Dickey.

Remarks by Sister Marie Thomas discussing the plan of work.

At this time motion made that the Secretary be re-

sponsible for asking admittance to the National Association as a state member. Motion carried.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Meeting adjourned with benediction by Sister Alma Adams.

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State League Association met with Mill Creek church, Myrtle, Mo., September 15.

Called to order by vice president, Eld. C. B. Dees.

After devotional service, Eld. Marie Thomas delivered the introductory message from Matthew 16:24; theme, "Leaguers Self Denial for Christ."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called to order by Eld. C. B. Dees.

Congregation song.

Scripture lesson read from Eph. 6.

Prayer by Eld. Ralph Staten.

Letters called for. The following responded: Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, Southeast Missouri, Indian Creek.

Letters received and delegates seated.

Motion carried to seat every league member present as delegates.

Elders Ralph and Charles Staten seated as visiting leaguers from Arkansas.

Report of field worker, Sister Marie Thomas, received and Sister Thomas was commended for her faithful work.

Election of officers: Eld. C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo., President; Eld. Cecil Campbell, Carterville, Mo., Vice President; Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo., Sec.-Treas.; Executive Board: Eld. Wm. Reeves for a period of three years, Eld. Paul Williams for a period of two years, Earl Milton Cockrel for a period of one year.

Eld. Cecil Campbell elected to preach the next introductory league sermon; Eld. Winford Davis, alternate.

Motion carried that the State League officers prepare league program for next association.

Financial report received.

A very inspirational program was given at this time.

Topic—"Qualification of League Officers" by Eld. Wm. Reeves.

Topic—"How to Get the Most Out of the League Programs" by Sister Jewell Campbell and Eld. Mark Lewis.

Model League sponsored by Eld. Cecil Campbell.

Adjournment.

Eld. C. B. Dees, President.

Eld. O. T. Allred, Secretary.

Financial Report

RECEIVED:

Received \$14.97

DISBURSEMENTS:

Clerk Fee \$2.50

Field Worker 7.50

Minutes 4.97

Total Expenses \$14.97

ASSOCIATION ENROLLMENT

Ministers

C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo.	Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Cecil E. Horner, Novinger	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Mrs. Effie Matthews, Desloge	John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.
Paul Williams, Carterville	Harry H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte	H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo.
J. E. Rolen, Thayer, Mo.	F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown
Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Cecil Campbell, Carterville
Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.	Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.
S. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.	Alice Dickey, Kansas City
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.
R. L. Wheeler, M. Sp'gs., Ark.	Meiba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Jesse H. Duncan, Myrtle, Mo.	Mark M. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.
James F. Miller, Flat River	C. R. Bryan, Couch, Mo.

Deacons

Johnnie Pingleton, Thayer	J. K. Stephens, Stockton, Mo.
Ezra Johnson, Alton, Mo.	H. H. Filkins, Kirksville, Mo.
Russell Muse, Alton, Mo.	B. H. Filkins, Kirksville, Mo.
C. H. Crews, Thayer, Mo.	R. Worel, Mammoth Sp'g., Ark.
Lee Clark, Alton, Mo.	L. A. Martin, Thayer, Mo.
J. P. McCullough, Alton, Mo.	S. C. Pierce, Couch, Mo.
Marvin Williams, Couch, Mo.	Ralph T. Hoyt, Thayer, Mo.

J. P. Wheeler, Alton, Mo.
Noah Hollis, Couch, Mo.
Hugh Jenkins, Couch, Mo.
Blaine Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Lloyd Warren, Archie, Mo.

Joe Bruner, Myrtle, Mo.
F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.
John Keeney, Flat River, Mo.
Fred L. King, Myrtle, Mo.

Delegates

Mrs. Hazel Scott, River Mines
Gussie Hamblen, Flat River
Alma Adams, River Mines
Mrs. Dollie Lewis, Freeman
Mrs. Melvina Huey, Flat River
Marie Sherrill, Flat River
Joe Cockrell, Freeman, Mo.
Mrs. Hope Eaton, Stella, Mo.
Blanch Tucker, River Mines
Mrs. Paul Williams, Carterville
Beulah Henson, Flat River
Mrs. Otha Boyd, Carterville
Mrs. Sylvia Sevits, Kirksville
Cyrus Sevits, Kirksville, Mo.
Mrs. Lena Johnson, Carterville

Mrs. Erma Berry, Flat River
Rosie Sharp, Fredericktown
Catherine Petters, Desloge
Albert Holmes, Alton, Mo.
Justin Gann, Aurora, Mo.
Clarence Dane, Desloge, Mo.
Frank Hamby, Aurora, Mo.
Raymond Dickey, Kansas City
Mrs. Blanch Dane, Desloge
Mrs. Lou Earl, Arcadia, Kan.
Thora Arbogast, Greenfield
Earl M. Cockrell, Freeman
Mrs. Pauline Warren, Archie
Alice Muse, Alton, Mo.

Ministers' Wives

Mrs. J. F. Miller, Flat River
Mrs. Thelma Lewis, St. Louis
Mrs. Christine Dees, Desloge
Mrs. Belva Zinn, Frederickt'n
Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Thayer
Della Bryan, Couch, Mo.

Vada Reeves, Mine La Motte
Jewell Campbell, Carterville
Mrs. Ora Rolen, Thayer, Mo.
Mrs. Jesse Duncan, Myrtle
Mrs. Doris Rollins, Monett
Pearl Simpson, Alton, Mo.

Visiting Christians

Lola Anna Williams, Cart'ville
Lizzie Filkins, Kirksville, Mo.
Ethel Lackey, Esther, Mo.
Mrs. Mary Linkon, Esther, Mo.
Miss Virgie Dorris, Flat River
James C. Dorris, Flat River
Mrs. Letha Sikes, Flat River
Mrs. Joshie Johnson, F't River
Mrs. Anna Wilson, Flat River
Mrs. Anna Moore, Flat River
Mrs. Hubble, M. Sp'gs., Ark.
Rea Hollandsworth, Archie

Mrs. Lunsford, M. Sp'gs., Ark.
Mrs. Wilkey, M. Sp'gs., Ark.
Mrs. Worel, M. Sp'gs., Ark.
Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes, Alton
Mrs. Pearl Sirclum, F. River
Mrs. Blanche Dane, Desloge
Mrs. Jennie Wright, F. River
Mrs. Delbert Adams, F. River
Mrs. Hattie Pirtle, Leadington
Mrs. Devia Hall, Myrtle, Mo.
Mrs. Tem Crawford, Myrtle
Mrs. Pauline Warren, Archie

Myron Hyatt, Archie, Mo.
Almaretta Hyatt, Archie, Mo.

Wm. Wilkey, M. Sp'gs., Ark.
Roscoe Mills, Thayer, Mo.
Ralph Stout, Hannon, Mo.

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Indian Creek Association

O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.
W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.	Cecil Campbell, Carterville
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.	B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.
John B. Rollins, Monett, Mo.	L. R. Black, Cassville, Mo.
W. B. Fredrick, Monett, Mo.	A. M. Walgamott, Granby, Mo.
Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo.	T. Farmer, Granby, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	Joe Brooks, Ellensburg, Wash.
B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.	Mrs. Merl Wright, Exeter, Mo.
C. L. Marbut, Monett, Mo.	Mrs. Rosa Thomas, Purdy, Mo.
Noel Greenway, Monett, Mo.	Miss Edna Crain, Miami, Ok.

Licensed Ministers

Gladys Moneyham, Billings	Noman Green, Granby, Mo.
Bro. Ross, Aurora, Mo.	Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.
Roscoe Butler, Blue Eye, Mo.	Mrs. Myrtle Black, Cassville
Orville Johnson, Granby, Mo.	Margaret Timmons, Monett
Perry Whittaker, Granby, Mo.	Mrs. Lottie Farmer, Aurora
R. Petterson, Granby, Mo.	

John B. Rollins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas Ass'n.

Roena Thomas, Arcadia, Kan.	Arlie Hoover, Arcadia Kan.
Marie Thomas, Arcadia, Ks.	Arthur Kicenski, Jerico, Sp'gs
Alice Dickey, Kansas City,	H. S. Ford, Picher, Okla.
Callie Achord, Jerico Sp'gs.	J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo.
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.	Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo.
C. R. Dick, Eldorado Springs	

Licensed Ministers

Floy Hartley, Greenfield, Mo.	Harold Hoover, Arcadia, Kan.
Lloyd Jeffreys, Sheldon, Mo.	
Miss Thora Arbogast, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.	

Northwest Missouri Association

W. R. Rush, Santa Rosa, Mo.	Roy L. Hancock, Hemple, Mo.
Vernie Welbaum, Pattonsburg	Howard DeWeese, Haddam, K.
Mary Welbaum, Pattonsburg	Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
John McKown, Lock Springs	

Superannuated Ministers

T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby	W. B. Tadley, Weatherby, Mo.
G. S. Latimer, Haddam, K.	W. B. Fadley, Weatherby, Mo.

Licensed Ministers

Vera Dowdy, Haddam, Kans. Charles Ballenger, Utica, Mo.
Eld. Melba White, Clerk, Plattsburg, Mo.

Northeast Missouri Association

Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo. Noel Turner, Greentop, Mo.
Cecil Horner, Novinger, Mo. Charles Phillips, La Plata
Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo. James F. Miller, Flat River
Eld. Archie Cooper, Clerk, Novinger, Mo.

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

Damon C. Dodd, Flat River	John N. Johnston, St. Louis
Albert Halbrooks, Leaginton	Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte
Alvin Halbrooks, Leadington	S. A. Hand, Fredericktown
C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo.	J. L. Yancey, Fredericktown
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.	Geo. D. Miller, Fredericktown
Howard Jarvis, Wortham, Mo.	J. M. Henderson, Frederickt'n
Mark M. Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.	John Long, Patton, Mo.
Claud Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo.	W. Matthews, Mine La Motte
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	Joe Deweese, St. Louis, Mo.
Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.	Chas. Moyer, Farmington, Mo.
C. S. Cox, St. Louis, Mo.	D. Selph Jones, St. Genevieve
Eunice Edwards, St. Louis	L. A. Ferguson, St. Louis, Mo.

Superannuated Ministers

L. N. Beard, Bismark, Mo.	J. D. Flannery, Farmington
S. M. Ferguson, Flat River	Chas. Wood, Fredericktown
Chas. Canterbury, Knob Lick	Ves Simmons, Mill Creek, Mo.

Dea. O. B. Womack, Clerk, Leadington, Mo.

Cave Springs Association

C. A. Dodson, Alton, Mo.	Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.
H. H. Beatty, Thayer, Mo.	J. E. Rolan, Thayer, Mo.
S. W. Belle, Alton, Mo.	E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo.
C. R. Bryan, Couch, Mo.	W. P. Stogsdill, Alton, Mo.
N. Combs, Couch, Mo.	B. H. Woodring, Alton, Mo.
H. C. Crase, Myrtle, Mo.	T. J. Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.
Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.	Sam D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.
Elmer Hodges, Alton, Mo.	Dale Williams, Alton, Mo.
Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.	L. R. Wheeler, M. Sp'gs., Ark
James McGeehee, Myrtle, Mo.	

Licensed Ministers

Roy Crook, Couch, Mo.

Davie N. Combs, Clerk, Alton, Mo.

Liberty Association

(Taken From 1941 Minutes)

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

Licensed Ministers

Vinita Broyles, Grovespring
Marie Price, Clerk, Buffalo, Mo.

Harmony Association

(Taken From 1941 Minutes)

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 Gap, Mo.	Clark Lambert, Cold Springs
Floyd Mears, Ava, Mo.	John W. Silvey, Ava, Mo.

T. C. Halford, Brushy Knob

Orville Belvins, Clerk, Grovespring, Mo.

Laclede County Association

(Taken From 1941 Minutes)

Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon
S. N. Reid, Brownfield, Mo.	Roy Jones, Dry Knob, Mo.
Bland Massey, GroveSprings	J. R. Reid, Brownfield, Mo.
D. A. Hoke, Lebanon, Mo.	M. E. Breasher, Brownfield
Walter Bingham, Brownfield	J. G. Koch, Long Lane, Mo.
A. J. Chambers, Arla, Mo.	L. J. Ruble, Brownfield, Mo.
Curtis Wilson, Hazel Green	W. W. Butts, Stover, Mo.
Ray Scrivener, Plad, Mo.	Dave Findley, Edwards, Mo.
L. H. Jones, Falcom, Mo.	Lee Carpenter, Edwards, Mo.
C. E. Butts, Climax Springs	Dave Starnes, Dry Knob, Mo.
A. W. Bailey, Plad, Mo.	Clarence Broyles, Oakland
T. J. Peterson, Dry Knob, Mo.	A. L. Sapp, Branch, Mo.

Curtis Wilson, Clerk, Brownfield, 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 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.

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. 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

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.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF

FROM JULY 1, 1941

	Indian Creek	Niangua	N. W. Missouri	N. E. Missouri
No. Churches July 1, 1941	13	6	6	11
No. Churches Reporting	11	5	6	11
Membership July 1, 1941	887	288	349	447
New Churches Received				
Members Received	23	19	3	2
Number Baptized	7	11	1	
Dismissed by Letter	9	1	5	5
Number Excluded	5		15	
Number Deceased	11	5	4	2
Resident Members	463	183	223	257
Non Resident Members	479	90	135	187
Number Churches July 1, 1942	12	6	6	11
Total Membership July 1, 1942	778	303	349	449
Number of Tithers	70	6	2	18
Number of Prayer Meetings	6	3		2
Number of Leagues	7	2	1	
League Membership	199	39	15	
Number of Home Missions	6	1	3	5
Home Mission Membership	104	15	49	84
Number of Sunday Schools	11	6	6	10
Sunday School Enrollment	519	160	143	347
Number of Officers	53	12	19	41
Number of Teachers	46	16	21	39
Amount Paid Pastor	\$1,904.24	\$314.75	\$330.00	\$923.20
Amount Paid Evangelist	\$40.46	\$60.00		\$74.00
Amt. for Building and Repairs	\$479.00	\$450.00	\$54.08	\$160.17
Amount for Incidentals	\$415.52	\$54.00	\$58.25	\$181.22
Value of Church Property ..	\$13,300.00	\$6,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$6,700.00
Amount Foreign Missions ...	\$161.09	\$10.00		\$152.21
Amount for Home Missions ..	\$93.60	\$10.00	\$75.08	\$157.19
Amount for Superannuation				
Amount for Education	\$124.57			\$180.26
Amount for Publication	\$217.18	\$68.00	\$160.00	\$219.59
Amount for Undivided Fund ..	\$188.89			
Number Ordained Ministers ..	23	5	9	7
Number Licensed Ministers ..	15		1	
Number Ordained Deacons ..	28	13	10	33
Churches Without Pastor	2		3	3
Amount of Budget	\$33.10	\$15.00	\$1.75	\$8.00

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

TO JULY 1, 1942

Harmony	S. E. Missouri	Cave Spring	Laclede County	C. W. Mo. S. E. Ks.	Liberty	Missouri State
	15	23		8	9	91
	14	20		8	7	82
	1439	885		631	690	5616
	97	16		14		219
	46	48		15	1	165
	18	11		3	1	53
	56				1	77
	10	13		4	11	60
	1,026	753		327	518	3,750
	426	155		277	172	1,891
	15	23		8	9	90
	1,452	908		639	690	5,461
	51	5			5	157
	9	6		3	2	31
	8			4	1	23
	360			25	30	668
	4			3		22
	162			49		473
	13	14		8	6	74
	1,066	642		324	230	3,431
	55	51		43	18	292
	73	55		36	22	308
	\$3,434.12	\$956.57		\$1,006.82	\$702.25	\$9,471.95
	\$1,061.85	\$56.58		\$321.45	\$165.00	\$2,189.34
	\$3,223.37	\$196.55		\$96.05	\$30.42	\$4,679.34
	\$1,196.21	\$27.10		\$187.84	\$46.15	\$2,166.29
	\$28,400.00	\$5,850.00		\$5,600.00	\$4,300.00	\$80,350.00
	\$275.84	\$20.50		\$270.07	\$39.27	\$1,018.89
	\$520.18	\$594.90		\$137.73		\$1,588.60
	\$651.70			\$327.09		\$1,283.62
	\$430.20	\$178.20		\$244.02	\$87.53	\$1,604.72
	\$456.15					\$645.03
	29	17		10	5	105
	15	2		3	2	39
	49	38		25	24	220
		2			1	11
	\$24.50	\$16.20		\$33.95	.75	\$133.55