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The
Missouri State Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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**Proceedings of the
30th Annual Session**

**Convened at
Monett, Missouri**

MINUTES

THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Monett Church, Monett, Missouri
beginning on Monday night, September 13, 1943.

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Green Grove Church near Novinger, Mo., beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September 1944.

The Auxiliary Sermon on Monday night will be preached by Rev. F. C. Zimm of Fredericktown, Mo., Rev. Lowell Martin, alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday will be preached by Rev. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Mo., Mrs. Roena Thomas, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson of Nashville, Tenn., Rev. O. T. Allred, alternate.

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

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.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Eld. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri	1944
Eld. Cecil Campbell, Flat River, Missouri	1945
Eld. Arlie E. Hoover, Arcadia, Kansas	1946
Eld. B. F. Brown, Cassville, Missouri	1947
Eld. C. B. Dees, Desloge, Missouri	1948

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Eld. F. C. Zinn	Fredericktown, Mo.
Eld. John B. Rollins	Monett, Mo.
Eld. Cecil Campbell	Flat River, Mo.
Ed. Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.
Eld. Mark M. Lewis	St. Louis, Mo.

State Auxiliary Proceedings

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Monett Free Will Baptist Church, Monett, Mo., Monday night, September 13, 1943.

Song service led by Rev. Farrell Zinn.

Sermon by Rev. Mark Lewis: Subject, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." A very spiritual sermon was delivered.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by President, Sister Jewel Campbell.

Song service led by Sister Belva Zinn, singing the theme song of our Woman's Auxiliary, "I Love To Tell The Story."

Scripture read, 1st Thess. 5th chapter, by Sister Lowell Martin.

Prayer by Sister Christena Dees.

At this time a nominating committee was appointed by the president as follows: Mrs. Lowell Martin, Miss Alberta Dodd, Mrs. Bebout, Helen Allred, and Mrs. Daine.

Reports were read from Southeastern Missouri Auxiliary Convention, Central Western Missouri Convention, Fredericktown Auxiliary.

Motion was sustained to accept reports and seat delegates.

Reports of State Vice Presidents:

1st Vice-Pres., Sister Eunice Edwards gave an interesting talk on the duty of this office.

2nd Vice-Pres., Sister Alberta Dodd.

3rd Vice-Pres., Sister Doris Rollins gave a talk on helping the Bible school in Cuba.

A total of \$34.50 was pledged by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to buy mattresses for the school in Cuba.

The 4th and 5th vice-presidents were unable to attend the convention.

At this time the report of the nominating committee was read.

Officers elected for the ensuing year were as follows: President, Mrs. Jewel Campbell, Flat River, Mo.; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 1917 Pestelozzie, St. Louis (18), Mo.; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Belva Zinn, Fredericktown, Mo.; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Doris Rollins, Monett, Mo.; 4th Vice President, Mrs. Roena Thomas, Hammon, Mo.; 5th Vice President, Mrs. Jewel Turner, Monett, Mo.; Field Worker, Miss Thora Arbogast; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Opal Williams; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hazel E. Scott, River Mines, Mo.

Open discussion as to using the printed blank forms to report the work of the auxiliary local and state.

Motion carried to have Bro. John Rollins print the blank forms for the auxiliary work.

Motion carried that we take the money for the blanks out of the state treasury.

Motion carried for the 1st vice president to have charge of the blanks and distribute them.

Delegates elected to the Woman's Auxiliary National Convention were Mrs. Lowell Martin, Mrs. Roena Thomas, Mrs. Eunice Miller, Mrs. Doris Rollins, Mrs. Beulah Henson, Miss Thora Arbogast, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. Belva Zinn, and Mrs. Jewel Turner.

Motion carried that we have our Woman's Auxiliary Convention minutes printed with the State Association minutes and pay our proportional part.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by the president.

Song, "How Firm A Foundation."

Prayer by Sister Eunice Miller.

Nomination closed to elect Rev. Farrell Zinn to preach the introductory sermon at the next convention with Sister Lowell Martin as alternate.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Sister Lowell Martin.

Mrs. Hazel E. Scott, State of Mo. Woman's Auxiliary Convention recording sec.-treas.

Financial Report

Miscellaneous offering	\$ 3.45	
Stahl, Mo.	3.50	
S. E. Mo. Convention	7.20	
Indian Creek Association	2.80	
Central Western Missouri	3.20	
Fredericktown, Missouri	1.70	
N. E. Missouri Mission	5.00	
Special Missionary offering	34.50	
Total offering		\$61.35
Amount brought forward		26.11

Total in treasury	\$87.46
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DISBURSEMENTS

Mattresses for Cuba school	\$34.50	
State President	10.00	
State Field Worker	10.00	
State Secretary-Treasurer	10.00	
Printing of Minutes	5.00	
National Dues	5.17	
Total Disbursements		\$74.67

Balance in Treasury	\$12.79
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State League Proceedings

The Missouri State League Association met with Monett Church at Monett, Missouri, September 14, 1943.

Called to order by President, Rev. C. B. Dees.

Sung service conducted by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Introductory sermon by Rev. Winford Davis. Text, 1 Sam. 3:10, "Speak for thy servant heareth."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Scripture lesson read from 1 John 1st chapter.

Letters called for. The following responded: Hickory Grove, Independence, and Southeast Missouri.

Motion carried to seat every league member present as delegates.

Verbal reports on League work given from Indian Creek and Cave Springs.

Delegates seated from Myrtle were: Sisters Ella Dotson, Bernice Cantrell, and Rev. Harry Beatty.

Motion carried to pay \$5.00 on printing of minutes.

Motion carried to give \$12.00 to our school at Nashville.

Election of officers: President, Alberta Dodd; Vice-President, Rev. C. B. Dees; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Harry Beatty; Executive Board, Opal Hughes for a period of three years.

Rev. Harry Beatty elected to preach the introductory sermon; Rev. Mrs. Roena Thomas, alternate.

Duet by La Shum brothers.

Topic: "The responsibility of older people in helping our League work, to keep it going in this hour while so many of our young people are in the service of our country" by Sister Roena Thomas.

Duet, "I Am A Millionaire," by Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Topic continued: "Help them by helping the church, now," by Bro. Zinn.

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

Quartett, "The Great Redeemer."

Bro. Dees continued admonition to Leaguers.

Motion carried to send greetings through The Gem, to our men and women in the service of our country.

Money received with letters \$19.40.

Adjournment.

Associational Proceedings

The Missouri State Association met in its Thirtieth Annual Session with the Free Will Baptist Church in Monett, Missouri, on Tuesday night, September 14, 1943.

Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Rev. James F. Miller.

Opened by singing.

Prayer by Deacon Blaine Matthews.

An inspiring praise service was led by the moderator.

A temporary Committee on Divine Service was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Rev. O. T. Allred, Deacon Blaine Matthews, and Deacon Lyle Roller.

At this time, the stand was filled by Rev. Harry Beatty of Thayer, Missouri. His subject was "The Seven 'I Wills' of God." (Exodus 7:6-8). An able message was delivered and was greatly enjoyed.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

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

Opened by singing.

Scripture read, 1st Psalm.

At this time, a united prayer was offered around the altar.

Letters were read, and delegates seated from the following associations: Cave Spring, Niangua, Southeastern Missouri, Central Western Missouri and Southeastern Kansas, Liberty, Northwestern Missouri, Northeastern Missouri, and Indian Creek.

Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams was seated as visiting minister.

Just preceeding the election of officers, the body was called to prayer, led by Rev. Lizzie McAdams.

Election of Officers

Moderator	Rev. James F. Miller	Flat River, Mo.
Ass't. Mod.	Rev. O. T. Allred	Monett, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.	Rev. Winford Davis	Monett, Mo.
Ass't. Clerk	Rev. John B. Rollins	Monett, Mo.

Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. Cecil Horner, Rev. W. K. Weston, Rev. O. T. Allred:

Financial report of Editor of Free Will Baptist Gem was read and accepted.

State Treasurer's financial report was read and accepted with a standing vote of thanks.

WEDNESDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. Cecil Campbell of Flat River, Missouri. (Text Heb. 6:1), "Let us go on to perfection." A splendid message was delivered and was enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting was opened by singing.

Scripture read by Rev. Archie Cooper.

Prayer by Rev. Frank Linton.

At this period, time was given to the State Sunday School Organization for the transaction of their business.

In the mean time, the Business Committee assembled in session in the Gem Office.

After the Sunday School session was over, the moderator made closing remarks and declared the body adjourned until Thursday morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Service was opened by singing and prayer.

A praise service was led by Rev. C. B. Dees, after which, the stand was filled by Rev. Lizzie McAdams, National Promotional Field Worker. (Text, Rev. 1:10), "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day." A stirring and able message was delivered. One soul was saved, and an offering of \$44.94 was taken to apply on Sister McAdams traveling expenses.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator.

Opened by singing.

Scripture read from St. John 15, and prayer by Bro. Woodrow Matthews.

At this time, subscriptions were secured for The Gem.

Report of the Business Committee was read and received for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee report.

Bro. Rollins' resignation as Editor and Manager of The Gem was read to the body.

At this time, all gathered at the altar and asked the Lord to lead in the selection of an Editor and Manager for The Gem Publishing House.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of the Business Committee.

At this time, the Moderator gave an explanation of the National Superannuation Program.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. J. R. Davidson, business manager of The Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee. A very able and inspiring message was delivered from the text, Gal. 2:20, "Not I But Christ."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional singing preceded prayer by Rev. Cecil Horner.

Psalm 119:33-40 was read by the Moderator.

Motion carried to charge the Business Committee with the responsibility of the nomination of a Board of Superannuation.

Motion carried to adopt Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to receive the letter from Harmony Association.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Missions for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

A congregational song was lead by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Motion carried to adopt the financial report of the Executive Board.

Rev. C. B. Dees was elected a member of the Executive Board for five years.

Rev. J. R. Davidson presented the Free Will Bible College and an offering was given which amounted to \$77.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Committee on Temperance for discussion.

Motion carried to adopt Items 1, 2, and 3 of the Temperance Committee.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was elected to preach the intro-

ductory sermon next year. Rev O. T. Allred was elected alternate.

Moderator declared adjournment until Friday morning at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 9 of the Business Committee.

At this time, Rev. Winford Davis gave a detailed account of the Foreign Missionary Work in Cuba and India and the plans of procedure of the National Foreign Missions Board.

Miss Elberta Dodd gave a missionary reading.

Missionary pamphlets were passed out.

At this time, the stand was filled by Rev. F. C. Zinn of Fredericktown, Missouri. His subject was "Come, Tarry, Go." A powerful and soul stirring message was delivered and was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the message, ten came to the altar and dedicated their lives for Christian service, and an offering for Foreign Missions was received to the amount of \$181.70.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Meeting was called to order by Moderator.

Opened by singing.

Scripture, James 1st chapter, was read by Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. W. K. Weston.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Education.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 10 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried that the Executive Board and Clerk-Treasurer be charged with the responsibility of preparing a program for the 1944 session of this Association.

Motion carried to receive report of Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Motion carried that the Clerk give a footnote of explanation with the statistical report.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Kenneth Turner as Statistician for another year.

Motion carried to give Bro. Turner \$10.00 for his ser-

vices as Statistician for the past year.

Motion carried to pay the clerk \$25.00 as postage expense.

A special prayer was offered by Mrs. McAdams for Mrs. M. H. White.

A standing vote of thanks was given the people of Monett for their hospitality.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Green Grove Church of Northeastern Missouri Association Tuesday night before the third Sunday in September 1944.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

At eleven o'clock, the stand was filled by Rev. Woodrow Matthews of Mine La Motte, Missouri. Subject, "Resist the Devil." A very spiritual and appreciative message was delivered and was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The stand was filled by Rev. Winford Davis. Text, St. John 20:1-16. Subject, "Entering In." The Holy Spirit was present in a very precious way, and the missionary offering of \$181.70 was raised to \$207.35. The offering was taken up by Sister McAdams.

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

Song Leaders—Rev. Cecil Campbell, Rev. James F. Miller, and Mrs. Belva Zinn.

Pianists—Mrs. Jewell Campbell and Olive Worsley.

Special Singers—Bobbie and Tommie La Sium, Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Mrs. Oleta Davis, Rev. Winford Davis, Teddie and Tommie Davis.

EDITOR'S REPORT

The Free Will Baptist Gem has engaged in another year of successful operation with large gain over any year previous. The financial assets have been one continuous rise during the past fifty-one months of my services as editor. In 1940, the annual income was \$1,775; in 1941, \$2,500; in 1942, \$3,016.76; this year, \$3,554.43. These figures tell a wonderful story of progress.

Busy times, changed living conditions, prosperity, and forgetfulness of God has caused many to leave the church and its institutions. The engulfed people in industry are, rather, withdrawing their support to the Publishing House. Virtually, half of the subscribers have failed to renew their subscriptions during the past year, which leaves us with a circulation, at the present time, of a bare eleven hundred. This is a decline of eight hundred during the past year. The Gem office is capable of caring for a far greater volume of business.

The financial income for the year is as follows:

Income

Subscriptions	\$ 788.86
Sales:	
Auxiliary Literature	574.03
Books	84.02
Supplies	126.80
Treatise	129.52
Printing Minutes	758.42
Printing Other Material	545.72
Miscellaneous Income	324.13
Loans	200.43
Social Security	3.59
Victory Tax	3.90
20% Withholding Tax	15.00
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Total	\$3,554.43

Expenses

Benefits to Denomination	\$ 342.58
Salaries:	
The Editor	918.00
Others	532.71
Postage and Freight	170.65
Printing Supplies	633.60
Utilities	206.56
Fuel	67.95
Repairs	98.18
Office Supplies	74.50
Miscellaneous Expense	477.60
Social Security	124.62
Victory Tax	7.50
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Total	\$3,654.45

John B. Rollins.

RESIGNATION

I hereby offer my resignation as Editor and Business Manager of The Free Will Baptist Gem. I have faithfully served the Missouri State Association in this capacity to the very best of my ability for the past 51 months. The work has been the very height of my glory, and these have been four years of my life that I shall never regret. The time has come and conditions have developed, however, which make it necessary for me to vacate my office in lieu of the election of proper officers for the continued successful operation of our Publishing House.

—John B. Rollins.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Foreign Mission fund

Brought forward from last year	\$ 10.21
Received during past year	2,638.00

Total	\$2,648.21
Paid out during past year	\$2,648.21

Educational fund

Brought forward from last year	\$ 22.50
Received during past year	219.83

Total	\$242.33
Paid out during past year	\$237.61
Balance in treasury	\$ 4.72

Budget fund

Brought forward from last year	\$ 23.93
Received during past year	218.91

Total	\$242.84
Paid out during past year	\$171.99
Balance in treasury	\$ 70.85

Unified Program fund

Brought forward from last year	\$ 17.56
Received during past year	294.44

Total	\$312.00
Paid out during past year	\$312.00

Benevolent fund

Brought forward from last year (for Superannuation) ..	\$ 2.00
Received during past year (for Tennessee Orphanage) ..	74.85

Received during past year (for Superannuation) 3.00

Total \$79.85
Paid out during past year (for Tennessee Orphanage) .. \$72.60
Paid out during past year (for Superannuation) 5.00
Balance in treasury (for Tennessee Orphanage) \$ 2.25

Jehoida Chest fund

Brought forward from last year \$ 4.00
Received during past year 44.00

Total \$48.00
Paid out during past year \$45.00
Balance in treasury \$ 3.00

New Machinery fund

Received during past year \$288.94
Paid out during past year 266.19
Balance in treasury \$ 22.75

Entertainment fund

Received during past year \$250.00
Paid out during past year 250.00

Total brought forward last year \$ 80.20
Total received during past year \$4,031.97

Total \$4,112.17
Total paid out during past year \$4,008.60
Total balance in treasury \$ 103.57

Winford Davis, treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

In gratitude to God for His having given to us, as a denomination, our splendid Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee, which now stands free of indebtedness, and realizing the necessity of preparation on the part of young ministers and all who desire to specialize in any line of Christian Service, we are therefore happy to recommend our Bible School to any and all who will take advantage of the blessings in spiritual training and growth which this institution offers. We urge our pastors to constantly keep before the minds of our people their responsibility toward the support of our school, especially the endowment check plan

as has been presented to Free Will Baptists by the Business Manager of our school, Bro. J. R. Davidson.

May we keep before the Lord in prayer those of our state who are in attendance at the school, together with all the student body, faculty members, and business manager.

We are eager to give our approval to the Christian Workers Institute which has been such a means of inspiration to those in attendance. We heartily commend the move on the part of the National Association when they voted to continue the Institute work believing it to be a work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Prayerfully submitted

Winford Davis
Committee Christine Dees
Mary Wade

FOREIGN MISSIONS—We, the Committee on Foreign Missions, recommend the following:

1. That the Missouri State Association adopt the quota of \$3500 for the year as suggested by the National Foreign Missionary Board.

2. That it be recommended to the district associations composing this body that they assume the privilege of a proportionate quota to be raised for their own blessing in witnessing "unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

3. That Bro. Winford Davis, National Secretary of Foreign Missions, be given time to explain our possibilities with the Mission School in Cuba and other missionary interests.

4. That offering and pledges be given following the Missionary message tonight.

John B. Rollins
Committee Frank Linton
F. C. Zinn

OBITUARY—Whereas our Heavenly Father in His Divine Wisdom has called to their reward a number of our dear brothers and sisters, we would recommend God as a very present help in time of trouble to the bereaved. May we bow to the will of Him, who doeth all things well.

The deceased are as follows:

Southeast Missouri—Sisters Anna Curry, Eunice La Plant, Clara Martin, Esco Brown, and Brothers John Baness, S. M. Ferguson, Perrin Cox, Bass Matthews, William Reeves.

Central Western Missouri and Southeast Kansas—Sisters Margaret Maberry, Myrtle Goodwin and Brothers Charley Lickey, William Peck, and Brother Paige.

Northeast Missouri—Sister Mary Sevets and Brothers C. E. Mann, Dub Houghton, and Edd Fugate.

Liberty—Sisters Martha Letterman, Mag Alexander, and Brother James Letterman.

Northwest Missouri—Six names not reported.

Niangua—Six names not reported.

Indian Creek—Sisters Opha Odneal, Gladys Mooneyham, Deborah Lance, Sarah Britton, and Brothers J. A. Botkins, and Seigle Henderson.

"Blessed are they who die in the Lord."

Belva Zinn

Committee Mrs. O. T. Allred

Thora Arbogast

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That we, the state body, take our stand as discouraging the use of tobacco among our ministry and people.
2. That we encourage the shunning, as far as possible, of all places of business where intoxicating beverages are sold.
3. That we refuse to support politically any man who favors the use of intoxicants.

Ella Dotson

Committee Eunice A. Miller

Lowell Martin

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

1. That the resigning of the Editor and Business Manager of The Free Will Baptist Gem be accepted to become effective within a reasonable time, not to exceed ninety days.
2. That the Missouri State Association abolish the Publication Committee and recognize the powers invested in the Board of Trustees by constitutional provision.
3. That the Missouri State Association adopt the National Superannuation Program.
4. That the invitation of the Northeast Missouri Association to convene with the Green Grove Church in 1944 be accepted.
5. We recommend the brethren of the State Association cooperate prayerfully and thoughtfully with the State Executive Board in securing an Editor-Manager for The Gem Office.

6. We recommend that this Association ammend Article No. 4 of the Constitution so as to include an Executive Secretary.

7. We recommend that the State Executive Board be charged with the responsbility of presenting a man to the next session of this Association to fill the office of Executive Secretary, together with a plan of work for this official to carry out.

8. We recommend that Article No. 16 in the By-Laws of the Missouri State Association be made to read as follows:

The standing delegates to this Association shall be all ordained ministers and their companions, provided the companion is a member in good standing in some Free Will Baptist Church belonging to this State Association; all ordained deacons; and Associational Clerks.

9. We nominate the following members as a Board of Superannuation: F. C. Zinn, J. B. Rollins, Mark Lewis, Cecil Campbell, and Harry Beatty.

10. We nominate the following as delegates to the National Association: Will Gates, John Filkins, Ed Wade, W. E. Pirtle, Blaine Matthews, Thora Arbogast, J. B. Jefferson, Ella Dotson, Alma Henry, Opal Hughes, Gladys Filmer, Harry Filkins, Frankie B. Wade, Ora George, and Rose Sharp.

11. Be it Resolved, That this body give a standing vote of thanks to the Monett Church and the people of Monett for their hospitality in entertaining this session of the Missouri State Association and to the officers of this Association for their service rendered.

FINANCIAL CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—September 1, 1942, \$156.56; Note for \$450.00; Total \$606.56. September 1, 1943, \$270.76; Note for \$410.00; Total \$680.76.

C. B. Dees

MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Indian Creek Association

Cecil Campbell, Carterville	John Rollins, Monett, Mo.
Paul Williams, Carterville	W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.
L. R. Black, Cassville, Mo.	Claude Timmons, Monett, Mo.
Myrtle Black, Cassville, Mo.	O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.	Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.
B. F. Henderson, Monett, Mo.	A. M. Walgamott, Granby, Mo.
Rowena Thomas, Monett, Mo.	

Licensed Ministers

Ray Markley, Joplin, Mo. Marguaret. Timmons, Monett
Geo. La Shum, Monett, Mo. Lottie Farmer, Aurora, Mo.
John B. Rollins, Clerk, Monett, Mo.

Central Western Mo. and Southeastern Kans. Association

Marie Hyatt, Nashville, Tenn. H. S. Ford, Treece, Kansas
Alice Dickey, Kansas City Arlie Hoover, Arcadia, Kans.
Callie Achord, Jerico Springs Lloyd T. Jeeffreys, U.S. Army
Cecil Horner, Eldorado Spr'gs Harold Hoover, U. S. Army
Floy Hartley, Greenfield, Mo. Arthur Kicenski, Jerico Spgs
Lowell Martin, Greenfield Mo. J. T. Williams, Greenfield, Mo
C. R. Dick, Eldorado, Springs Edith Mayfield, Iantha, Mo.
Thora Arbogast, Clerk, Greenfield, Mo.

Cave Springs Association

Nath Combs, Couch, Mo. Dale Williams, Alton, Mo.
Elmer Hodge, Alton, Mo. Ben Woodring, Alton, Mo.
Jim McGhee, Myrtle, Mo. Sam Johnson, Alton, Mo.
W. P. Stogsdill, Alton, Mo. Ernest Harding, Alton, Mo.
Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo. C. R. Bryan, Couch, Mo.
E. E. Simpson, Alton, Mo. Roy Crook, Doniphan, Mo.
Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo. Jesse Rolen, Thayer, Mo.
Clarence Dodson, Alton, Mo. E.P. Wheeler, Mammoth Spgs.
S. W. Bell, Alton, Mo. Jesse Dunkin, Myrtle, Mo.
Fred Dodson, Detroit, Mich.

Davie N. Combs, Clerk, Alton, Mo.

Northwest Missouri Association

V. Welbaum, Pottonsburg Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Mary Welbaum, Pattonsburg R. L. Hancock, Stewartville
John McKown, Lock Springs A. H. DeWeese, Haddam, Kan
T. C. Ferguson, Weatherby Vera Doudy, Haddam, Kan.
W. R. Rush, St. Joseph, Mo

Carl W. Jeffries, Clerk, Pattonsburg, Mo.

Northeast Missouri Association

Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo. Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.
Chas. A. Phillips, Laplata, Mo. Noel Turner, Meadville, Mo.
Ethel Thompson, Clerk, Greentop, Mo.

Liberty Association

Henry Long, Phillipsburg M.H. Williams, Grove Spr'ng

E. E. Vestal, Grove Spring	G. Thomas, Springfield, Mo.
W. McClanahan, Grove Spg'n	Vinita Broyles, Grove Spr'ng
John Mace, Springfield, Mo.	Geo. Deckard, Grove Spring
John Moore, Grove Spring	Rev. Kensinger, Conway, Mo.
Vinita Broyles, Clerk, Grovespring, Mo.	

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

Jas. F. Miller, Flat River, Mo.	Chas. Moyer, Leadington, Mo.
C. B. Dees, Desloge, Mo.	Sam Gill, St. Louis, Mo.
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.	John Long, Patton, Mo.
Claud Lincoln, St. Louis, Mo.	G. Miller Fredericktown, Mo.
J. M. Henderson, Frederickt'n	J. L. Yancey, Fredericktown
Chas. Miller, St. Louis, Mo.	F. C. Zinn, Fredericktown, Mo.
Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.	D. S. Jones, St. Genevieve, Mo.
Eunice Edwards, St. Louis.	Albert Halbrook, Leadington
S. A. Hand, Frederickt'n Mo.	Alvin Halbrook, Leadington
Joe Deweese, St. Louis, Mo.	Willard Halbrook, Leadingt'n
Wm. Reeves, Mine La Motte	Wm. Baldwin, Robertson, Mo.
W. Matthews, Mine La Motte	James Barker, Flat River, Mo.
Deacon O. B. Womack, Clerk, Leadington, Mo.	

Niangua Association

Jess Mace, Missouri	W. N. Sutton, Long Lane, Mo.
Edd Delco, Missouri	W. F. Millard, Brice, Mo.
Lee Spain, California, Mo.	G. W. Sturdevant, Buffalo, Mo.
J. R. Highfield, Springfield	
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.	Harry Johns, Seymour, Mo.
T. B. Marler, Ava, Mo.	Robert Robinson, Squires, Mo.
Fred Marler, Cedar Gap, Mo.	Clark Lambert, Cold Springs
Floyd Mears, Ava, Mo.	John W. Silvey, Ava, Mo.
T. C. Halford, Brushy Knob	
John W. Silvey, Clerk, R. 1, Ava, Mo.	

Laclede County Association

(Taken From 1941 Minutes)

Glen Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	C. E. Cornelison, Lebanon Mo.
S. N. Reid, Brownfield, Mo.	Roy Jones, Dry Knob, Mo.
Bland Massey, Grove Springs	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,	Hapel 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 Associa-

tion 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. The standing delegates to this Association shall be all ordained ministers and their companions, provided the companion is a member in good standing in some Free Will Baptist Church belonging to this State Association; all ordained deacons; and Associational Clerks.

17. 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, 1942

	Indian Creek	Niangua	N. W. Missouri	N. E. Missouri
No. Churches July 1, 1942	12	6	6	1
No. Churches Reporting	9	5	4	1
Membership July 1, 1942	732	454	172	38
New Churches Received				
Members Received	66	22	6	
Number Baptized	27	16		
Dismissed by Letter	8	2	6	
Number Excluded				
Number Deceased	4	3	4	
Resident Members	412	298	121	2
Non-Resident Members	358	246	15	1
No. Churches July 1, 1943	12	6	6	1
Total Membership July 1, 1943	765	471	172	38
Number of Tithers	96	10	4	
No. of Prayer Meetings	7	2	1	
Number of Leagues	5	2	1	
League Membership	155	31	14	
Number of Home Missions	5		3	
Home Mission Membership	74		33	
Number of Sunday Schools	10	6	2	
Sunday School Enrollment	325	130	44	3
No. of Sunday School Officers	39	27	7	
No. Sunday School Teachers	36	23	8	
Amount Paid Pastor	\$2,476.70	\$453.42	\$411.00	\$1,005.00
Amount Paid Evangelist	\$410.81	\$100.00		\$128.00
Amt. for Building & Repairs	\$1,797.93	\$520.00	\$146.60	\$406.00
Amount for Incidentals	\$337.31	\$118.75	\$42.90	\$224.00
Value of Church Property	\$15,400.00	\$9700.00	\$6000.00	\$7000.00
Amount Foreign Mission	\$233.97	\$17.00	\$48.75	\$230.00
Amount for Home Missions	\$109.26			\$207.00
Amount for Superannuation	\$17.13			
Amount for Education	\$575.52			\$60.00
Amount for Publication	\$209.94	\$61.44	\$54.76	\$176.00
Amount for Unified Fund	\$165.81			
Number Ordained Ministers	20	5	3	
Number Licensed Ministers	7		2	
Number Ordained Deacons	25	12	8	
Churches Without Pastor	2		1	
Amount of Budget	\$50.45	\$15.00		\$9.00

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

10 JULY 1, 1943

Harmony	S. E. Missouri	Cave Spring	Laclede County	C. W. Mo. S. E. Kans.	Liberty	Missouri State
	15	22		8	9	89
	14	19		8	7	76
	1402	970		637	701	5,455
		1				1
	47	89		38		268
	27	65		16	17	168
	15	14		6		58
	2					2
	12	6		6	5	44
	1057	784		341	520	3673
	378	255		328	181	1912
	15	21		8	9	88
	1435	993		668	701	5581
	63	6		35		224
	14	6		5	2	37
	1208	840		294	220	3548
	9	4		3	2	26
	364	130		69	50	813
	9			4		26
	114			59		359
	14	18		8	6	74
	57	45		41	16	272
	78	73		37	19	310
	\$7,106.54	\$1,271.03		\$1,492.47	\$893.95	\$15,110.94
	\$1,018.70	\$272.39		\$300.54	\$164.00	\$2,395.26
	\$2,114.10	\$318.55		\$99.60	\$464.31	\$5,867.28
	\$1,827.45	\$92.29		\$221.41	\$95.74	\$2,960.70
	\$32,255.00	\$5,750.00		\$5,600.00	\$6,100.00	\$87,805.00
	\$407.20	\$67.30		\$622.74	\$48.55	\$1,680.45
	\$647.50			\$167.92		\$1,132.19
				\$5.00		\$22.13
	\$771.78			\$55.20		\$1,462.50
	\$770.88	\$231.53		\$284.69	\$121.67	\$1,911.83
	\$30.38			\$47.35		\$243.54
	29	15		14	8	98
	10	1		2	1	23
	47	45		26	21	216
						5
	\$41.60	\$30.00		\$29.10	\$13.85	\$189.55

— Rev. Kenneth Turner, Statistician, Monett, Mo.

Explanation of Statistical Table

You will perhaps notice the difference in the total figures of this and that of the treasurer's report. There are two reasons for this. One is the statistical report is from July 1st to July 1st and the treasurer's report is from September 1st to September 1st. The other, and main reason, is that a great deal of funds are sent to the treasurer direct by individuals, and the statistical report only shows what is handled through the church treasury.