

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

1944

**Proceedings of the
31st. Annual Session**

**Convned at
Green Grove Church**

OUR RETIRING MODERATOR



Rev. James F. Miller
Desloge, Missouri

Rev. James F. Miller, pastor F. W. B. Church of Desloge, Missouri was elected Moderator of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists in the fall of 1933 at Mountain Grove, Mo.

He has served faithfully since that time until the 1944 session at which time he felt disposed to retire from this honorable position.

Under his lovable and efficient leadership we have seen the Missouri State Association grow from a very small group to its present state of integrity, enthusiasm, and influence among our sister states of the great National Body.

No one has ever served as Moderator of the state organization who came quite so near claiming and holding year after year the love and respect of the entire membership of Missouri Free Will Baptists as has Rev. James F. Miller.

His retirement from this office does not at all mean the ceasing of his activity and influence in the bounds of Missouri State Ass'n. He will continue to render an invaluable service in his impartial way as he "labors with us" and as "one of us" in our various state activities. Missouri State Association joins in paying tribute to our beloved and honorable retiring Moderator.

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

HELD WITH

Green Grove Church
Near Novinger, Mo. beginning on Monday night.
September 11th. 1944

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Mt. Olive (Neola) Church seven miles north of Greenfield, Mo. beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September 1945.

The Auxiliary Sermon on Monday night will be preached by Rev. Lowell Martin, Rev. J. F. Miller alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday will be preached by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Cecil Campbell, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. J. F. Miller, Rev. Winford Davis, alternate.

The Sunday School Sermon at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday will be preached by Rev. Frank Linton, Rev. Wm. Reeves alternate.

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

PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in its thirty first annual session with the Green Grove Church near Novinger, Missouri on Tuesday night Sept. 12, 1944.

Meeting called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. F. Miller; opened by singing, prayer by Rev. James F. Miller and Rev. Frank Linton.

At this time the stand was filled by Rev. O. T. Allred of Monett, Mo. Text "Occupy till I come", Luke 19:13. A very able and inspiring message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

A motion was carried to grant the State Sunday School Convention power to select the minister to fill the stand at 11 o'clock Wednesday the 13th. Rev. Mark Lewis of St. Louis, Mo. was selected.

Just previous to the opening of the service some gospel pictures were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner, entitled, "The Rapture of the Church" which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by moderator, Rev. J. F. Miller, opened by singing, prayer by Brother Harry Filkins, scripture read by Moderator from 1 John, second chapter, after which the Moderator made a very appropriate talk from the 28th verse of the same chapter. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations:

North West Missouri.
North East Missouri.
Central West Missouri.
South Eastern Kansas.
South East Missouri.
Indian Creek.
Liberty.

The delegates then stood and prayer was offered by Brother Ross Thomas.

The visitors were then asked to stand and due recognition was given them.

Just previous to the election of officers, prayer was

again offered by the moderator, James F. Miller.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Cecil Campbell, Flat River, Mo.

Ass't. Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred, St. Louis, Mo.

Clerk Treasurer—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

Power was given the Clerk to choose his assistant, choice Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

By-Laws were read by the Clerk.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee on committees. Committees appointed as follows:

Rev. James F. Miller, Frank Linton, Lowell Martin.

At this time the State Association gave way for the Sunday School Convention to take care of this work. (For report of eleven o'clock service and activity of the afternoon, see report of Sunday School Convention).

Wednesday evening service was opened by an interesting gospel picture being shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner. Following this the audience enjoyed an extensive song and prayer service among which were rendered several special quartette and solo numbers. After this the stand was filled by Rev. James F. Miller. Text, Matt. 16:18, subject, "The Ideal Church". A very able and inspiring message was delivered and greatly enjoyed.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred. Opened by singing, devotional led by Rev. Alice Dickey; Sister Dickey read as scripture lesson, Gal. 6th chapter. Prayer by Rev. Mrs. Roena Thomas.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of committee on incorporation.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of Business Com.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Business Com.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 1 of Foreign Missions Committee.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 2 of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 3 of Committee on

Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 7 of Committee on Foreign Missions.

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

Motion carried to receive report of the Treasurer.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. W. R. Rush of St. Joseph, Missouri, text 1 Samuel 30:24, subject "The unnamed party." A marvelous message of power was delivered, followed by a general handshake of fellowship.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. Cecil Campbell, opened by singing.

Devotional led by Rev. B. F. Brown. Brother Brown read as a scripture lesson the 13th chapter of Hebrews, made brief and timely talk, and addressed the throne of Grace in prayer.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Executive Board. At this time Rev. O. T. Allred was re-elected as member of the Executive Board. Motion carried to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Board.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to prepare and present a plan for raising the \$800.00 as suggested by the Executive Board. Moderator appointed Business Committee to take care of this matter.

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

Motion carried to adopt the recommendation of the Sunday School Convention that eleven o'clock service on Wednesday be given to the Sunday School Convention for their introductory message.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt the Temperance Committee's report.

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

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of Business Com. which provided for a cash offering to be taken on the support of the Gem Publishing House. An offering was taken to the amount of \$191.00 and pledges to the amount of \$230.00.

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

At this time Rev. Marie Hyatt read to the body a letter from Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tenn. She also read a writing of her own origin on the regular routine of the College work as carried on day by day, and the general activity of the College.

Motion carried to receive report of Committee on Education and leave it on the table until Friday, a.m. Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. C. B. Dees.

Thursday evening the meeting opened at an early hour with another gospel picture shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner. After this a period of time was devoted to the interest of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and several subscriptions were secured.

Pictures of the mission field in Cuba were then shown, followed by an interesting talk by Mrs. Maxine Montgomery. The stand was then filled by Rev. Winford Davis who delivered the missionary message from John 4:4. At the close of the message an offering was received for missions to the amount of \$267.00.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting opened by singing, devotional led by Rev. Orville Dobbs. Rev. Dobbs read for scripture lesson the 91st Psalm and offered prayer.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner and commend him for his work. A standing vote of thanks was given. At this time Rev. Kenneth Turner was re-elected to the office of statistician.

Motion carried to give the statistician an honorarium of \$10.

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

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

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

At this time a cash offering was received for Education to the amount of \$42.00 and endowment check books were taken to the amount of \$13.00.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 4 of report of Committee on Education.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 5 of report of Committee on Education.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 6 of report of Committee on Education.

At this time special prayer was offered, led by Rev. James F. Miller, for the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Superannuation Board and Treasurer.

At this time Rev. F. C. Zinn was re-elected as member of the Board of Superannuation for a term of five years. Rev. Frank Linton was elected as member of the Superannuation Board to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. B. Rollins. Rev. Rollins having moved from the state of Missouri, to enter the Bible College in Nashville and having taken his church membership with him.

Motion carried to receive report of the Obituary Committee. The audience was called to stand and special prayer was offered.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 8 of the Business Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 9 of the Business Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt item No. 10 of the Business Committee report. In keeping with this item a standing vote of thanks was extended the North East Mo. Association and especially the Green Grove Church for their splendid hospitality extended during this session of the Missouri State Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Motion carried that the picture of the retiring Moderator, Rev. James F. Miller, be placed on the front corner of the minutes of this Association, and that the Clerk write a memorial of his work as Mod. through the years.

Rev. James F. Miller was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the 1945 session. Rev. Winford Davis, alternate.

Motion carried that the Executive Board and general officers have program prepared for 1945 session.

Motion carried that expense of printing minutes be paid from the State Unified Fund.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Mt. Olive (Neola) Church seven miles north of Greenfield, Mo. in Dade County on Tuesday night following the second Sunday in September 1945.

Moderator—Rev. Cecil Campbell, Flat River, Mo.

Clerk—Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. Kenneth Turner, text 1 Samuel 14:15, subject, "Oxen in the stall or secret faults." A very able message delivered and greatly enjoyed. Service closed with a general handshake of fellowship. After this a gesture of pure ministerial fellowship was made as all the ministers came to the platform clasped hands, and sang "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Dismissed by Rev. Archie Cooper the host pastor.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions

Observing with much pleasure and gratitude the great missionary revival among our Free Will Baptist people every where, and knowing that in such missionary activity we are carrying out the express desire and command of our Lord as given to us in the great commission and knowing that if our denomination would be blessed of the Lord we must in turn be faithful to the missionary call, we therefore beg to submit the following recommendations:

1—That we approve the \$40,000 campaign as has been launched by the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

2—That each church in the State Association hold at least two special prayer meetings during the year for the success of this campaign.

3—That we approve the work of Rev. Kenneth Turner in presenting the missionary pictures to our people throughout the denomination. And that we ask him to show them here at this session of the State Association.

4—That we approve the work set in motion at our Free Will Baptist College known as the Missionary Prayer Band, and that we urge everybody to join with them.

5—That our people join in prayer for the Lord to give to us another American man to go to Cuba for the purpose of assisting Brother Willey in the work.

6—That we keep constantly before the throne of grace our Free Will Baptist Bible School in Cuba known as our "Cuban School of Missions."

7—That owing to the fact the warring conditions of the world is greatly hindering us in what we hope to do in missionary work in India let us therefore strive to keep before the minds of our people the fact that we do yet have holdings in India, and a great opening there just as soon as the war ceases and we can get missionaries over there.

Prayerfully submitted: Winford Davis, Mark Lewis, Thora Arbogast.

Obituary

Whereas our Heavenly Father in His Divine wisdom has called to their reward a number of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Be it resolved that this body stand with bowed heads in humble submission to God's will and in memory of our beloved ministers, deacons and faithful lay-members who have left us during this past year.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from hence forth, Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their words do follow them."

The number of deceased reported are as follows:

Liberty Association	7
Southeast Association	11
Northeast Association	5
Indian Creek Association	6
Northwest Association	6
G. W. Mo. and W. E. Kans. Association	6

Eunice A. Miller, Kenneth Turner, Lowell Martin.

. Report on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance report as follows:

Whereas we look round about us, in this present evil world, we see deceptive worldly attractions of every kind—road houses, dine and dance halls, beer joints and taverns, gambling dens, news stands literally loaded down with trashy literature, enticing places of worldly amusements, and many other degrading things Satan has established to catch and destroy men and women, boys and girls for whom the Son of God died that they might have eternal life.

Be it resolved therefore, that we all as members of our State Association of Free Will Baptist, do all we can against the sanction and use of intoxicating liquors of every kind. Also that we do all we can to keep our young people from the demoralizing influence of these places and things all of which are evil and can have only evil influences.

And be it resolved, that all our people be helped and encouraged to be temperate in all good things and total abstainers from all evil things.

B. F. Brown, Effie Matthews, Lloyd Warren.

Missouri State Sunday School Convention Report

We wish to submit the following:

Our State Convention consists of five local conventions, four sending in splendid reports.

Our state officers are: President, Rev. Mark Lewis; Vice President, Rev. Orville Dobbs; Sec. Treas., Rev. Wm. Reeves; Ass't. Sec., Mrs. Alice Dickey.

Our session consisted of business, topics, singing and praising the Lord for His goodness and mercy.

We are asking the Missouri State Association to join with us in praying that God may bless us with a successful Sunday School year.

Rev. Mark Lewis, President

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Vice President

We the Missouri State Sunday School Convention submit the following request: That the eleven o'clock service on Wednesday be given to Sunday School Convention for their Introductory message.

Report of Committees on Committees

Committee on Education: Bro. Jim Miller, Sis. Marie

Hyatt, Bro. Harry Filkins.

Committee on Foreign Missions: Bro. Winford Davis, Bro. Mark Lewis, Sis. Thora Arbagast.

Committee on Obituary: Sis. Eunice Miller, Bro. Kenneth Turner, Sis. Lowell Martin.

Committee on Temperance: Bro. B. F. Brown, Bro. Lloyd Warren, Sis. Effie Matthews.

Committee on Business: Bro. Jim Miller, Bro. Winford Davis, Bro. C. B. Dees, Bro. F. C. Zinn, Sis. Ethel Thompson.

Committee on Divine Service: Bro. A. D. Elsea, Bro. Ross Thomas, Sis. Ollie Higginbottom.

Committee: Cecil Campbell, J. F. Miller, Frank Linton, Lowell Martin.

Report on Education

We, your Committee on Education wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. The full support of our people to the Educational Program, both Home and Foreign Institutions.

2. Encouragement of the Annual Endowment plan as a systematic means of monthly income for our Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville (5) Tennessee.

3. That this Endowment check plan be presented at this session of the Missouri State Association. Also that cash offerings be received now.

4. The encouragement of the Christian Worker's Institute among our churches for the benefit of those unable to attend our College.

5. Whereas, the success of the D. V. B. S. in some of our churches has been called to our attention, we recommend that all our churches sponsor a D. V. B. S. for their children and young people.

6. That daily prayers be made in behalf of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and other Educational Institutions.

J. F. Miller, H. H. Filkins, Marie Hyatt.

Report of Free Will Baptist Gem

January 1st. to September 1st.

Subscriptions	\$582.81
Printing, sales of books, etc.	981.49
Total	\$1,564.30
Salaries:	
J. B. Rollins	\$292.30
C. B. Dees	702.75
Other help	80.00
Postage	66.13
Paper	226.82
Utilities	94.89
Coal	30.45
Linotype repairs	53.85
Total	\$1,547.19
Balance	\$17.21

Superannuation Report

On September 16, 1943, the Superannuation Board met in Monett, Missouri and organized as follows: Rev. F. C. Zinn, chairman; Rev. John B. Rollins, assistant chairman; Rev. Cecil Campbell, clerk-treasurer.

On September 17, 1943 the Board met again at Monett and agreed to print leaflets for distribution, explaining the program.

On October 18, 1943 the Board met in Monett, Mo. and framed the By-Laws to the Constitution.

A questionnaire was prepared and sent to each minister in the state for the purpose of getting a record of the ministry for the state.

F. C. Zinn, Mark Lewis, Cecil Campbell, clerk.

Treasurer's Report

Receipts:

Oct. 8, 1943—Monett F. W. B. Church	\$10.00
Oct. 14, 1943—Flat River Home Mission	10.00
Oct. 25, 1943—Desloge Church	6.25
Dec. 9, 1943—Rev. Winford Davis (Mo. State T.) ..	28.03
Jan. 11, 1944—Third F. W. B. Church, St. Louis ..	15.00
Jan. 12, 1944—State Treasure	17.33
Mar. 18, 1944—State Treasure	12.00
Mar. 18, 1944—Third F. W. B. Church, St. Louis ..	36.59
Mar. 11, 1944—State Treasure	1.00
June 27, 1944—State Treasure	11.00
June 30, 1944—State Treasure	13.48
Aug. 11, 1944—State Treasure	39.45

Total	\$200.13
Disbursements:	
National Treasurer	\$51.73
Rev. J. B. Rollins (printing)	18.00
Misc. (postage, envelopes, etc.)	6.52
Total	\$76.30
Balance in Treasury	\$123.83

Cecil Campbell, Treasurer

To the Missouri State Association of F. W. Baptist

We your Committee on incorporation appointed at Niangua 1940 beg leave to submit the following:

After consulting with several Attorneys we engaged the service of James E. Sater of Monett, Missouri and was able to get the case in the Circuit Court of Barry County but Mr. Sater doubted the legality of incorporating under the plan. Suggested by our people therefore this has been put off from one term of Court to another, therefore we your Committee wish to turn matter back to the Missouri State Association.

Signed: O. T. Allred, Kenneth Turner, B. F. Brown

Report on Business

Where as it has become the expressed desire of a number of our leaders from various churches and Associations, that some more symplified system of support for our State and National Program of work and worship be adopted by the Missouri State Association of the Free Will Baptists and recommend to our local churches, we therefore prayerfully submit the following:

1. The establishment of a State Unified Program to operate as follows:

Support to come from each local church in the connection of the State Association. All funds not otherwise designated by the Committee for some special phase of the work to be allocated by the State Treasurer, on a 75-25 per cent basis. Twenty five per cent to be retained in the State Treasure for the promotion of the State Program. Seventy five per cent to be forwarded to the National treasurer for National Unified Program funds.

2. We recommend that time be given in this Association to encourage the support of the Gem Publishing

House and secure subscriptions.

3. We recommend that our beloved Brother, Rev. O. T. Allred be authorized to prepare in a printed form, item No. 1 of the Business Committee and send some to all the pastors whose names and addresses are available, and otherwise help to direct in the establishment of the State Unified Program, under the supervision of the State Board.

4. We recommend the approval of the Program of Home Missions, submitted to the National Association by the Board of Home Missions and adopted by said body.

5. Whereas the special Committee appointed to investigate the possibility of the incorporation of the Missouri State Association has resigned. We recommend that the matter of incorporation be committed to the State Board.

6. We recommend that cash offerings be taken here and pledges payable within 60 days.

7. We recommend that the pastors and other workers present this matter to individual members and churches when they return from the State Association. Should this fail to raise the needed \$300.00 the State Board be instructed to borrow the balance needed, said loan to be paid out of the State Unified fund.

8. In as much as we have two invitations for the next regular session of the Missouri State Association one from C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kansas at Mt. Olive Church, one from Indian Creek Association at Monett, we recommend the location be determined by a majority vote.

9. State delegates to the Association:

Mrs. Alta Powell
Mrs. C. B. Dees
Mrs. Burnice Davis
Mrs. Eunice Miller
Mrs. Jewell Campbell
Mr. Myron Hyatt
Mr. Wm. Gates
Miss Thora Arbagast
Mrs. Mary Filkins
Mr. John Filkins
Mrs. Flora Lewis
Mr. Raymond Dickey

Mrs. Belvia Zinn
Mr. Lloyd Warren

10. Be it resolved that the delegates and visitors to this Missouri State Association give a standing vote of thanks to the people of the North East Missouri Association and especially the Green Grove Church for their kindness and hospitality to us while attending this session of the Association.

Be it further resolved that we extend thanks to any and all who have contributed in any way to this Association, the general officers, song leaders and pianists, etc.

J. F. Miller, Winford Davis, F. C. Zinn, C. B. Dees.

Those who served as song leaders, pianists, and in the rendering of special music during the sessions are listed as follows:

Song Leaders:

Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Rev. James F. Miller.

Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Jesse Peterson.

Pianists:

Jewell Campbell.

Melba White.

Elaine Turner.

Allie Peterson.

Juanita Burcham.

Special Singers:

Rev. Marie Hyatt.

Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Rev. Noel Turner.

Rev. and Mrs. James F. Miller.

Rev. Winford Davis.

Jesse Peterson and family.

Clifford Montgomery.

Harry Archer.

Albert Lawson.

Treasurer's Report

Foreign Mission Fund

Brought forward from last year	none
Received during past year	\$4,075.96
Paid out during past year	4,075.96

Educational Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$4.72
Received during past year	316.66
Total	321.38
Paid out during past year	321.38

Unified Program Fund

Brought forward from last year	none
Received during past year	\$683.40
Paid out during past year	683.40

Benevolence

Tennessee Arphanage Fund:

Brought forward from last year	\$2.25
Received during past year	159.48
Paid out during past year	157.73
Balance in treasury	4.00

Superannuation Fund

Brought forward from last year	none
Received during past year	\$133.13
Paid out during past year	132.29
Balance in treasury .....	.84

Budget Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$70.85
Received during past year	233.69
Total	304.54
Paid out during past year	226.94
Balance in treasury	77.60

Jehoida Chest Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$3.00
Received during past year	99.93
Total	102.93
Paid out during past year	97.93
Balance in treasury	5.00

Home Mission Fund

Brought forward from last year	none
Received during past year	\$119.26
Paid out during past year	118.76
Balance in treasury .....	.50

Publishing House Fund

Brought forward from last year	\$22.75
Received during past year	43.75
Total	66.50

Paid out during past year	66.00
Balance in treasury	50

Fifty Thousand Dollar Co-Labourer Fund

Received since fund was started in July	\$35.00
Paid out during the same time	35.00

Entertainment Fund

Brought forward from last year	none
Received during past year	\$411.28
Paid out during past year	411.28

Totals

Brought forward from last year on all funds	\$103.57
Received during past year on all funds	6,311.54
Total	6,415.11
Paid out during past year on all funds	6,223.10
Balance in treasury on all funds	88.44

Winford Davis, Treasurer

Visitors to State Association

Geneva Brown, Ethel Bledsoe, Lola Brown, Joyce Billington, George Rehkop, Velma Wellman, Stella Phillips, Mrs. Paul Sorenson, Mary Clauson, Grace Lawson, Amit Pierson, Grace Munden, Orice Coleman, Ida D. Leonard, Mrs. Harlan Loy, Cora Nelson, Cecil Horner, Freda Loe, Mary Katherine Schudht, Mrs. N. Newconer, Joy Serena, Mr. W. N. Newconer, Ralph Stout, Alpa Cory, Alberta Dodd, Mrs. Junior Evans, Julia Woyman, Rozella Stelle, Dora Fugate, Alice Evans, Ethel Peterson, Mrs. Bert Jackson, Esther Peterson, Ethel Newconer, Leona Thompson, Virginia Mengil, James Hardin, Rebil Rehkop, Dora Sponsler, Rosmary Smith, Ollie Peterson, Beulah Brownell, Darline Peterson, Bert Jackson, Mrs. Jessie Peterson, Mrs. Mary Rickett, Mary Shumate Dorothy Coffey, Charity Hedrich, Mary Lee Coffey, Ama Sharp, Lottie Craybrook, Elmer Phipps, Nora Mullenix, W. B. Shumate, Edna Smith, W. E. Sponsler, Lucy Thomas, Goldie Elsie, Mrs. John Thomas, Dortha Sruisher, Mrs. Stella Lane.

Deacons

Bill Gates, Lloyd Warren, Harry Filkins, Ross Thom-

as, A. E. Dare, Bert Elsea, P. A. Gates, Shirley Byers,
H. D. Archer.

Delegates

Bill Gates, Gussie Hamblin, Dollie, Lewis, Mrs. Bill
Powell, Lena Johnson, Nettie Harrel, Will Thompson,
Mrs. Lloyd Warren, Ethel Thompson, Mrs. Ora Gates,
Essie Gremminger, Anna Sutherland, Emma Bebout,
Martha Clayton, Bertha Souden, Juanita Bureham,
Berniece Ragsdale, Raymond Dickie, Christine Dees,
Mrs. J. F. Miller, Mrs. Bill Reeves, Blanch Matthews,
Mrs. Charles Phillips, Verdie Cooper, Jewell Campbell,
Thora Arbagast, Ollie Martin, Dortha Montgomery,
Mrs. James Harden, Mrs. Alta Nickle, Cora Phipps,
Mrs. Ollie Higginbotham, Burnice Davis,, Mrs. Ora Wer-
fele.

Ministers

C. B. Dees, Monett, Mo.
B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Irondale, Mo.
Roena Thomas, Hannon, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
O. A. Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.
Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
James F. Miller, Desloge, Mo.
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.
Cecil Campbell, Flat River, Mo.
Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.
Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.
Chas. A. Phillips, LaPlata, Mo.
Vernie Wellbaum, Pattonsburg, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Pattonsburg, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.
Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Fredricktown, Mo.
W. R. Rush, St. Joseph, Mo.
O. T. Allred, St. Louis, Mo.
Archie Cooper, Novinger, Mo.
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Woodrow Matthews, Mine La Motte, Mo.

AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Auxiliary Convention met with the Green Grove F. W. B. Church, Monday night, Sept. 11, 1944. Song service led by Sister Marie Hyatt.

The introductory message by Rev. F. C. Zinn, using as a text Phil. 3:13-14; subject, Reaching the Goal. After this very inspirational message the President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Sister Jewell Campbell appointed a nominating committee: Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Thora Arbagast and Mrs. W. L. Powell.

TUESDAY MORNING

Tuesday morning service called to order by the President, Sister Jewell Campbell.

Song service led by Mrs. Marie Hyatt: hymns, "To the Work" and "How Firm a Foundation", prayer by Sister Welbaum.

Scripture reading by Sister Lowell Martin, reading St. Matthew 25:14-29. Sister Melba White offered prayer in behalf of the Women's work.

Motion and second to elect secretary-treasurer pro-tem. Motion carried. Mrs. W. L. Powell was elected.

Reports called for.

Report of Fredricktown W. A. read and approved.

Report of Field Worker read, motion carried to receive her report and commend her for her work.

A very interesting and inspirational talk on the F. W. B. College was given by Sister Marie Hyatt.

Inspirational talks given by Sister Lowell Martin in the interest of Missions.

The 4th Vice President, Mrs. Roena Thomas talked on Stewardship.

President—Sister Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

First Vice President—Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.

Second Vice President—Thora Arbagast, Greenfield

Third Vice President—Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.

Fourth Vice President—Jewell Campbell, Flat River

Fifth Vice President—Opal Hughes, St. Louis, Mo.

Sec.-Treas.—Alta Powell, Monett, Mo.

Field Worker—Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Motion properly sustained that we accept the report of nominating committee.

A musical reading was given by Alberta Dodd, en-

titled, "Leave it There".

A very interesting and enlightening explanation of the 50,000 Co-Laborer Band was made by Sister Jewell Campbell and blanks were handed out.

The business was taken over by our newly elected president, Sister Marie Hyatt.

Delegates to the N. W. A. C. are:

Thora Arbagast, Gussie Hamblin, Alta Powell, Jewell Campbell, Christine Dees, Melba White, Mrs. Archie Cooper, Dollie Lewis, Eunice Miller, Mary Filkins.

Motion carried that we elect Sister Lowell Martin to preach the introductory sermon at the next setting of the Association. Rev. J. F. Miller, alternate.

Motion properly sustained that we pay our proportionate part for the printing of the minutes.

The special called meeting, Sept. 14, 1944.

A motion was made and sustained that we send Sis. Belva Zinn, who is very ill a card, also thanking her for her work for the past year.

A motion was made that we petition the National Women's Auxiliary Convention that our state officers be elected for a term of two years instead of one year as at present.

Motion that after our dues to the N. W. A. C. are paid that we divide the balance in our treasure equally between our past president, field worker and treasurer.

Motion to accept secretary's report.

Motion to adjourn.

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

Association met with the Free Will Baptist Church at Greengrove, Missouri, Sept. 11, 1944.

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Rev. C. B. Dees.

Song service led by Jesse Peterson, delegates were seated.

Sister Roena Thomas delivered a wonderful message (Text, Deut. 32-11).

Esther Peterson was elected as Clerk Pro-tem.

A committee was appointed to arrange the afternoon program.

Motion was made to adjourn for the noon hour.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service led by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Scripture lesson, 1 John first chapter.

Prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell. Verbal reports of Central Western, Southeast Missouri and Indian Creek League Associations.

Election of Officers

President—Rev. C. B. Dees.

Vice President—Sister Marie Hyatt.

Secretary-Treasurer—Esther Peterson.

Rev. Kenneth Turner was elected as a member of the Executive Board.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Program Committee.

Rev. Matthews was elected to preach the introductory sermon for the next year.

Rev. Cecil Campbell, alternate.

Motion carried that we pay our part for printing minutes.

We received \$7.50 from Indian Creek League Association and \$5.00 from Central Western, making \$12.75 in all.

Motion carried to give \$10.00 for Foreign Missions.

Program

Song—Sister Marie Hyatt.

Topic—"Present Day Responsibility in Regard to our Youth" by Rev. F. C. Zinn and Sister Martin.

Song—Rev. Winford Davis.

Motion carried that we adjourn until our next session.

Program for 1945

Scripture Basis (1 Cor. 16-9).

Theme—Opened and Closed Door to Free Will Baptists Leaguers.

Topic 1.—For a great door and effectual is opened unto me. (Southeast Missouri).

Topic 2.—And there are many adversaries (Indian Creek Association).

Playlet—South Western Missouri and South Eastern Kansas Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met in the Fourth Session with the Green Grove Free Will Baptist Church at Novinger, Mo., in joint session with the Missouri State Association on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1944 at 11 o'clock a.m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Singing led by Rev. Zinn.

Devotion led by Bro. O. T. Allred.

The president, Rev. Mark Lewis appointed a nominating committee as follows: Rev. F. C. Zinn, Berniece Ragsdale and Rosemary Smith.

Business Committee: Rev. Wm. Reeves, Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Rev. Mark Lewis was appointed to deliver noon hour message. He chose for his scripture text, Gen. 2; subject "Character Building". Text "Created in the Image of God", a soul stirring message was delivered.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing led by Rev. Marie Hyatt. Songs "In the Sweet By and By," "Amazing Grace".

Prayer led by Bro. Zinn.

Scripture, Sister Eunice Miller; Proverbs 8th chapter.

A praise service was directed by our president, Rev. Mark Lewis, a real praise service was enjoyed by all.

All regular Sunday School workers were seated as delegates.

Topic, The President's message, theme "Prove our Faith in God, by our works" by Rev. Alice Dickey. A truly wonderful message of challenge of faith and works.

Rev. Zinn told of his faith in God to help him stir the minds of the Fredricktown Church, in the building of the new church there during these war days.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Partial report of the Business Committee:

Item No. 1. accepted.

We recommend that the officers of the chair be omitted until deemed necessary to elect.

A nominating committee report read and there being no other nominations they were adopted as follows:

President, Rev. Mark Lewis.

Ass't. President, Rev. Orville Dobbs.

Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Ass't. Secretary, Rev. Alice Dickey.

Item No. 2—That a constitution and by-laws be prepared to meet the present day need. This was adopted.

Motion made and sustained that the Executive Committee prepare the Constitution and By-Laws.

Item No. 3—That our officers prepare a report blank to meet the necessary needs of our Convention.

Item No. 4—That the body ask the State Meeting for the eleven o'clock service on Wednesday for the Introductory message of the Sunday School Convention. Granted by State Meeting.

Rev. Frank Linton was delegated to preach the introductory sermon in the next session in 1945. Alternate, Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Item No. 5—That we have our minutes printed with the State Association minutes and stand our part of the expense.

Item No. 6—That we give a standing vote of thanks to the Green Grove Church and Community for their splendid hospitality to us. Adopted and vote taken with song "The Old Account was settled long ago".

Convention report read and accepted.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

A program was rendered as follows:

Topic: "Our responsibility for our youth in post war period," was ably discussed by Rev. Frank Linton.

Appealing for our missions of our future responsibility.

A reading was very ably rendered by Mrs. Wayman, entitled "The Starless Crown".

A reading was delivered by Ava Sutherland "A Lesson in Service," which was enjoyed by all.

Reading by Rev. Mary Wellbaum entitled "With a Friend" enjoyed very much.

A reading by Alta Michael entitled, "Suppose" which was very inspiring.

A motion made and sustained to approve minutes as read.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Mark Lewis, president
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec. and Treas.

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 Timothy 3:16.

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.

1 Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

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.

St. John 1:1-12.

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.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

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

Psalms 22:28; 97:2.

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.

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

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.

1st John 2:2.

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.

2 Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

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.

1 Tim. 2:4.

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.

Joshua 24:15.

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.

Rev. 22:17.

12. PERSEVERANCE.—All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.

St. John 15:6; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

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.

Mark 16:15; 2 Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

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.

Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

15. WAR.—War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.—The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

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 MISSOURI

From July 1, 1943 to July 1, 1944

	Indian Creek	Niangua	N.W. Missouri	N.E. Missouri	Harmon
No. Churches July 1. 1943	11	7	6	11	
No. Churches Reporting	9	6	5	10	
Membership July 1. 1943	673	350	281	475	
New Churches Received					
Members Received	36	22	3	18	
Number Baptized	16	16	3	22	
Dismissed by Letter	14		1	6	
Number Excluded					
Number Deceased	6	5	4	4	
Resident Members	390	231	113	289	
Non- Resident Members	399	140	156	189	
No. Churches July 1. 1944	11	7	6	11	
Total Membership July 1. 1944	789	371	269	478	
Number of Tithers	90	10	7	14	
No. of Prayer Meetings	5	4	1	1	
Number of Leagues	4	2	1		
League Membership	130	45	15		
Number of Home Missions	3	1	3	5	
Home Mission Membership	62	20	48	87	
Number of Sunday Schools	8	7	4	11	
Sunday School Enrollment	335	140	76	289	
No. of Sunday School Officers	34	16	14	28	
No. Sunday School Teachers	36	24	15	34	
Amount Paid Pastor	\$2,591.38	\$496.55	\$576.00	\$1,198.62	
Amount Paid Evangelist	498.10	140.00	59.70	322.75	
Amt. for Building & Repairs	1,493.88	106.00	126.62	206.49	
Amount for Incidentals	367.68	90.00	17.20	263.29	
Value of Church Property	14,400.00	9,700.00	6,600.00	6,200.00	
Amt. for Foreign Missions	500.00	50.00	70.50	631.54	
Amount for Home Missions	249.35	10.00		220.25	
Amount for Superannuation	10.00			52.00	
Amount for Education	82.00		10.00	178.62	
Amount for Publication	205.63	84.00	67.80	154.86	
Amount for Unified Fund	336.07			43.37	
Number Ordained Ministers	20	4	7	3	
Number of Licensd Ministers	6		2		
Number of Orained Deacons	27	16	10	25	
Churches Without Pastor	3	1	1	2	
Amount of Budget	40.00	17.50		9.40	

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

July 1, 1944

Harmony	S. E. Missouri	Cave Spring	Laclede County	C. W. Mo. S. E. Kans.	Liberty	Missouri State
.....	15	21	.....	8	9	88
.....	13	21	.....	7	6	81
.....	1333	970	.....	637	594	5339
.....
.....	101	59	.....	16	17	272
.....	31	40	.....	17	13	158
.....	26	3	.....	2	2	54
.....	37	8	.....	.....	1	46
.....	11	7	.....	6	7	50
.....	1000	752	.....	318	343	3436
.....	360	299	.....	319	182	2044
.....	15	21	.....	8	9	88
.....	1360	1051	.....	644	535	5496
.....	77	10	.....	10	.....	218
.....	10	9	.....	4	2	36
.....	6	2	.....	4	1	20
.....	246	60	.....	122	40	658
.....	4	1	.....	2	.....	19
.....	98	18	.....	50	.....	383
.....	13	17	.....	8	5	73
.....	1031	872	.....	229	205	3177
.....	47	40	.....	35	15	229
.....	75	104	.....	35	18	337
.....	\$8,803.33	\$1,564.09	.....	\$1,628.47	\$934.70	\$17,793.14
.....	907.78	254.00	.....	634.10	131.00	2,947.43
.....	2,054.36	3,458.75	.....	655.29	209.40	8,310.42
.....	2,231.41	103.50	.....	.....	63.20	3,136.58
.....	42,100.00	9,250.00	.....	7,200.00	5,600.00	100,420.00
.....	1,055.51	25.00	.....	840.70	157.65	3,332.90
.....	872.73	57.40	.....	262.62	.....	1,672.35
.....	106.51	.....	.....	2.70	.....	171.21
.....	517.28	.....	.....	66.00	.....	853.90
.....	729.82	369.21	.....	259.29	111.08	1,978.79
.....	193.47	44.00	.....	.....	.....	616.91
.....	27	20	.....	13	9	103
.....	6	1	.....	3	1	19
.....	37	46	.....	26	19	206
.....	2	.....	.....	1	3	13
.....	42.30	16.70	.....	18.25	11.75	155.90

Rev. Kenneth Turner, Statistician, Monett, Mo.