

The
Missouri State
Association
of
Free Will Baptist

1946

Proceedings of the
33rd. Annual Session

Convened at
Myrtle Church

MINUTES

OF THE
33rd. Annual Session
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
MYRTLE CHURCH

At Myrtle, Mo. beginning on Monday night
September 10, 1946

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred,	Monett, Mo.
Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis,	St. Louis, Mo.
Clerk-Treas., Rev. Marie Hyatt,	Centerview, Mo.
Ass't. Clerk, Rev. LaVerne Miley,	Greentop, Mo.
Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner,	Monett, Mo.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. B. F. Brown, Cassville, Mo.	1947
Rev. C. B. Dees, Aurora, Mo.	1948
Rev. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.	1949
Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	1950
Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo.	1951

The Auxiliary Message on Monday night will be delivered by Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Mrs. Alta Mikel, alternate.

The League Sermon at 11:00 a. m., Tuesday, will be preached by Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Frank Linton, alternate.

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be preached by Rev. Frank Linton, Rev. O. T. Allred, alternate.

The Sunday School Sermon at 11:00 a. m., on Wednesday, will be preached by Rev. LaVerne Miley, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, alternate.

The next annual session of this Association will be held in

Beginning on Monday night following the second Sunday in September, 1947.

PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-third annual session with the Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle, Mo., on Tuesday night, September 10, 1946.

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred. Congregational singing led by Rev. Noel Greenway. Prayers by Rev. James F. Miller and Miss Melba White. Special music. Praise service led by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Introductory Sermon was delivered by Rev. F. C. Zinn of Flat River, Mo. Scripture text, Isaiah 40:31, was used as the basis of his message. A powerful message from the throne of God challenged Missouri State Association to work together in unity as we "wait upon the Lord".

Benediction by Rev. Harvey Hill.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred; opened by singing, devotional led by Rev. LaVerne Miley using II Cor. 6:1-10 for Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Constitution and By-Laws read by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations: Liberty, C. W. Mo. and S. E. Kan., Southeast Mo., Northeast Mo., Cave Springs, Indian Creek, Niangua, and Northwest.

Welcome extended to Rev. J. P. Willbanks of Missouri State Association of General Baptists, and Rev. Robert Crawford, National Executive Secretary of F. W. B.'s as visiting brethren.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Mark Lewis, St. Louis, Mo.; Clerk Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Motion carried that the Clerk be given the privilege of choosing her assistant.

Rev. LaVerne Miley chosen as ass't. clerk.

Moderator appointed following as Committee on Committees: Rev's. James F. Miller, W. K. Weston, Orville Dobbs, Melba White, and Dea. John Bough.

Moderator appointed following as Divine Service Committee: Rev. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Ora George, Minnie Thompson, Alta Powell, and Inez Myers.

Adjournment until call of the chairman.

Benediction by Rev. J. P. Willbanks.

At this time the State Association gave way for the S. S. Convention.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Registration of ministers, deacons, visitors, and minister's companions.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Weston. Special music. Missionary message delivered by Rev. Winford Davis. (Acts 15:8 used as text).

Missionary pictures of F. W. B. Missions were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Two young men dedicated their lives to missionary service. An offering of \$200.45 was given to Foreign Missions.

Benediction by Rev. Charles Meyer.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting opened by singing, devotional led by Rev. Alice Dickey—I Thes. 4, used as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Melvin Bingham.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner and commend him for his good work.

Motion carried to give the State Statistician an honorarium of \$10.00.

Welcome extended to Rev's. Benjamin Scott and Cleo Curtis from Union Association as visiting brethren.

Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee and comply with request contained therein.

Motion carried to receive report of treasurer, Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried to receive report of the Executive Board.

Rev. F. C. Zinn elected as member of the Executive Board for a five-year term.

Dea. John Bough elected as member of the Executive Board for a four-year term.

Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. James F. Miller as a member of the Executive Board. Also give him a standing vote of thanks for the service he has rendered in the State of Missouri.

Rev. Harry Beatty elected as member of the Executive Board to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Miller.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Missouri State F. W. B. Youth Encampment Board and commend them for their work.

Adjournment until call of the chairman.

THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregation singing, prayer by Rev. Albert Tucker. Devotional led by Rev. Harvey Hill, using I John 3:11-24 as Scripture lesson. Special music.

Message—II Timothy 4:1-3—delivered by Rev. James F. Miller. A timely message was given.

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

Adjournment until call of the chairman.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred. Opened by congregational singing, devotional led by Rev. Albert Halbrook, using Rom. 8:35-39 as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

The following were elected as delegates to National Association: J. K. Stephens, Alta Powell, Anthony Burcham, LaVerne Miley, Porteus Latimer, Paul Goolsby, Lucille Beatty, Jewel Campbell, Blanche Tucker, Verdun Bingham, Belva Zinn, Evelyn Greenway, Burnice Davis, John Rogers, and Thora Arbogast.

Motion carried that the above delegates be granted power to appoint proxies to serve if they are unable to attend in person.

Welcome extended to Rev. Homer Smith from Union Association as a visiting brother.

Motion carried to receive report of the Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Education Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Education Committee.

Motion carried to receive and adopt report of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to receive the notice from General Business Committee in relation to Article No. 4 of the State Constitution.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Business Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6 of Business Committee.

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

Moderator appointed the following as Nominating Committee for Missouri State F. W. B. Youth Encampment Board: Rev. Frank Linton, Minnie Thompson, Ozella Wilson, Hazel Scott, and Christina Halbrook.

Motion to adjourn until call of the chairman.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Congregation singing. Devotional led by Rev. Paul Williams, using Mat. 14:15-19 as Scripture lesson. Prayers by Rev's. O. T. Allred and C. B. Dees. Special music. Worship offering was given.

Greetings from the National Association of F. W. B.'s by Rev. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary.

Message, Romans 1:16, was delivered by Rev. Robert Crawford. An inspirational message was given.

Benediction by Rev. William Reeves.

FRIDAY MORNING

Meeting opened by singing, devotional led by Rev. William Reeves, Scripture used—Mat. 16:12-15. Prayer by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Special music.

Time given to State Sunday Convention.

Motion carried to receive and adopt the report of nomination committee for Missouri State F. W. B. Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried to extend unto Rev's. Mark Lewis, C. B. Dees and Noel Greenway a standing vote of thanks for their sincere work behalf Missouri State F. W. B. Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Missions Committee.

Motion carried to amend the Temperance Committee's report by inserting the word, "intoxicating", beverage.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of State Superannuation Report.

Rev. Frank Linton elected to deliver the introductory message at the 1947 session, with Rev. O. T. Allred as alternate.

Season of special music and spiritual rejoicing.

Motion carried to accept the further report from Committee on Committees.

Motion carried to adopt Items No. 8 and 9 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to elect Rev. Mark Lewis as member of State Board of Superannuation.

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until 1947 session of Missouri State Association.

FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Congregational singing, devotion led by Rev. Melvin Bingham. Prayer by Mrs. Bebout.

Message, Heb. 11:8-10, was given by Rev. Mark Lewis. A sermon of love and inspiration was delivered.

A Christian fellowship handshake closed the service.

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred

Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt

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

Song Leaders: Rev's. Harvey Hill, F. C. Zinn, and Noel Greenway, Cleo Black and Leonard Clark.

Pianists: Evelyn Greenway, Miss Mitchell, Anna Mae Tucker, Marie Hyatt, Velma Holman, and Christina Halbrook.

Special Singers: Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn, Cleo Black, Ben LaBrot, Anthony Burcham, Lydian Crass, Fred Wisehart, Glenn Harpool, Nita Belle Wisehart, Velma Holman, Willa Mae Reynolds, Anna Mae Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Peterson, Darlene Peterson, Leroy Petersen, Janeta Adams, and Winford Davis.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report:

We have written one new policy this year. With the small amount of money in the treasury and such little coming in each month, we did not feel it wise to make any contributions this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from Rev. Cecil Campbell by check -----	\$154.79
Received from State Treasury by Marie Hyatt -----	66.89
Total Receipts -----	221.68
Paid Out to National Treasurer, J. O. Forte -----	16.72
Amount in Treasury -----	\$204.96
Secretary-Treasurer—F. C. Zinn	

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Mark Lewis	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Frank Linton	Tunas, Mo.
Rev. F. C. Zinn	Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Harry Beatty	Thayer, Mo.
Rev. C. M. Hatfield	Sarcoxie, Mo.

TREASURER'S REPORT

September 1, 1945 to August 31, 1946

STATE UNIFIED FUND

Balance Brought Forward from Last Year -----	\$ 28.03
Total amount received -----	2682.13
Total amount disbursed -----	2556.15
Balance -----	\$ 154.01

FOREIGN MISSION FUND

Total amount received -----	\$4904.42
Total amount disbursed -----	4904.42

JEEP FUND

Total amount received -----	\$88.76
Total amount disbursed -----	88.76

CUBAN GIRL'S DORMITORY FUND

Total amount received -----	\$40.50
Total amount disbursed -----	40.50

EXPANSION PROGRAM FUND

Total amount received -----	\$85.56
Total amount disbursed -----	85.56

\$50,000 CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Total amount received -----	\$44.00
Total amount disbursed -----	44.00

JEHOIDA CHEST FUND

Total amount received -----	\$61.00
Total amount disbursed -----	61.00

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Total amount received -----	\$85.52
Total amount disbursed -----	85.52

HOME MISSION FUND

Total amount received -----	\$75.49
Total amount disbursed -----	75.49

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Total amount received -----	\$9.85
Total amount disbursed -----	9.85

STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Total amount received -----	\$862.45
Total amount disbursed -----	862.45

TOTALS

Brought forward on all funds -----	\$ 28.03
Received on all funds -----	8077.23
Paid out on all funds -----	7951.25
Balance in treasury on all funds -----	\$ 152.01

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

MO. STATE F. W. B. YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD REPORT

Financial

Income -----	\$2187.28
Expense -----	652.05

Balance -----	\$1533.23
Return from Beef -----	105.96
Cash on Hand -----	15.00

Total amount in treasury -----	\$1654.19
Outstanding pledges -----	\$302.00

Mark Lewis, Treasurer

MO. STATE F. W. B. YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD

Rev. O. T. Allred
Bro. Elsworth Wilson
Rev. William Reeves
Rev. Harvey Hill
Dea. John Bough

Monett, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo.
Irondale, Mo.
St. Louis, Mo.
Stockton, Mo.

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT

The Executive Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met in call session at the home of Rev. James F. Miller, at Deslodge, Mo., on Tuesday, January 15, 1946.

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m., by the Chairman, Rev. B. F. Brown. Scripture reading, Luke 19:41-48. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller.

Three regular members of the Board were present, namely: Rev. James F. Miller, Rev. B. F. Brown, and Rev. C. B. Dees. Bro. Willard Lackey was seated as proxy for Rev. Melvin Bingham, and Rev. O. T. Allred and Rev. F. C. Zinn were seated in council.

The allocation of the State Unified Program Fund was taken up and thoroughly discussed. An agreement was reached.

Motion carried, That, beginning today, and with this Board meeting, the allocation of the State Unified Program Fund be as follows: 70% to the General fund; 10% to Superannuation; 20% to the Missouri Student fund, until the close of the present school year, after which the 20% shall go into the General fund until otherwise ordered by the State Board.

Motion carried to authorize the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists to draw on said State Association Treasury to pay for printing the State minutes, Letterheads, National dues and maintenance of the Publishing House, including insurance.

EDITOR OF GEM TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Whereas, on this 15th day of January, 1946, Rev. C. B. Dees, Editor, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem, did, at Deslodge, Missouri, offer his resignation as Editor-Manager of said Free Will Baptist Gem. And, whereas, said Executive Board did accept his resignation, to become effective on April 15, 1946.

Be it therefore Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists meet with Rev. C. B. Dees, in the Gem office, at Monett, Missouri, on Monday, April 15, 1946, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., to take an inventory of stock on hand in the Gem office and make settlement with Bro. Dees.

Be it further resolved, that, if there should be job printing left in the Gem office at said date of April 15, 1946, secured by Bro. Dees prior to said date, and because of sickness or other providential hindrances, said job printing be not done, it shall be the privilege of Bro. Dees to use the machinery in the Gem office to complete said job printing.

Be it also Resolved, that the minutes of this Board meeting be published in the February issue of the Gem.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at the Gem office in Monett, Missouri, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., on Monday, April 15, 1946.

Rev. B. F. Brown, Chairman

Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary

P. S. Since the office of Managing Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem will become vacant on April 15, 1946, applications of those desiring the work at the Gem office should be made before April 15, 1946. Application should be made to Rev. B. F. Brown, Cassville, Missouri.

Monett, Mo. April 15, 1946

Scripture Reading, Romans 1:1-16. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Members present were Rev. B. F. Brown, Rev. Arlie E. Hoover, Rev. J. F. Miller, and Rev. C. B. Dees.

Rev. Melvin Bingham offered his resignation on the Board Motion carried to accept his resignation. By nomination, motion was carried that Bro. Ross Thomas be elected to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board until the next session of the State Association in September, 1946.

Motion carried that due consideration be given to the proposal of the Executive Committee of the National Association for terms of agreement between the Missouri State Association of F. W. B. and the National Association of F. W. B., whereby the F. W. B. Gem press may be used for the printing of literature for the National Association.

Motion carried that Bro. Miller be empowered to write a contract of agreement between the Missouri State Association and the National Association relative to the F. W. B. Gem to be presented for approval at the next Board meeting April 30, 1946.

Tuesday Morning, April 19, 1946

Board came together at 8:00 a. m., as previously agreed. Scripture, Hebrews 4:1-4. Prayer by Rev. A. E. Hoover.

Motion carried that we notify the subscribers of the Gem that their subscription will be resumed at the reopening of the publishing house.

Motion carried that Board direct the Chairman and Secretary of the Board to look after the affairs of the Gem office during the vacation.

Motion carried that the State treasurer be notified to pay the expense of mailing the notices to the subscribers.

Motion carried that we invite a session of the Christian Worker's Institute to Missouri the last two weeks in August.

Motion carried that we discontinue the electric meters, gas meter, water meter, and telephone.

Motion carried that we take inventory of stock and equipment. Inventory taken of stock to amount of \$964.00.

Inventory of equipment taken.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Niangua April 3, 1946, at 10:00 a. m. Closing prayer by Bro. Ross Thomas.

July, 1946

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Board met in regard to program for the State Association. (Meeting was supposed to be held at Niangua, but a quorum was not present.)

September 10, 1946 .

Executive Board met at the Myrtle Church as per agreement. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Miller. First item of business was a discussion of the publication of the Gem.

Rev. B. F. Brown, Chairman
Rev. C. B. Dees, Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSIONS—The Committee on Missions wishes to thank the Lord for His blessings in the mission work for the past year.

We recommend that our churches emphasize more the need of an awakening on the home field in order that we might be more able to carry out the great Commission of our Lord, when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Christ also said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Committee: Alice Dickey
Christina Halbrook
Mary Wellbaum

EDUCATION—We, the Committee on Education, present the following recommendations:

1. Inasmuch as the support coming to our College from the Unified Fund is inadequate for maintenance and expansion, be it resolved that each pastor give his church the opportunity to give through the Endowment Plan.

2. Realizing the need of efficient leadership in our churches of tomorrow, we recommend that our churches encourage our young people to take advantage of the Christian training and instruction given through our Free Will Baptist College, Youth Encampment, Christian Worker's Institutes, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Committee: Myron Hyatt
Albert Halbrook
Kenneth Turner

TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

Be it resolved that, we, as the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists take our stand as a state body, as local associations, as local churches and as individuals, against the manufacture, sale and use of both intoxicating and strong alcoholic drink.

Be it further resolved that each delegate and visitor to this conference carry this vision to their home churches and enlist the effort of every member in a concentrated drive upon our State Legislature to change our State Law so we can at least have local option. Also pray God that from this effort National Prohibition will soon come.

Liquor is not our only form of intemperance. Let us search the scripture and strive to live in the light as God reveals it to us.

Committee: N. H. Rhoades
Ora George
Thora Arbogast

PUBLICATION—We, your Committee on Publication, submit the following report:

It is our will and wish that our Publishing House, which is now closed, be reopened for the publication of our Free Will Baptist Gem. The supreme need of our State work is a circulating medium to our people may be fully informed as to the condition and needs of our denominational work. Also, that they might intelligently cooperate in promoting the cause of our Lord and Master.

We pledge ourselves, therefore, to do what we reasonably can to bring about the reopening of our Publishing House and the publication of our State Paper.

Committee: Harvey Hill
Melba White
B. F. Brown

OBITUARY—We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst a number of our beloved brothers and sister from the following associations:

Northeast Missouri -----	7
Cave Springs -----	7
Indian Creek -----	5
Southeast Missouri -----	18
Central Western Mo., and Southeastern Kan. -----	8
Niangua ----- (incomplete)	
Northwest Missouri -----	4
Liberty -----	10

Be it resolved that this body stand in silent prayer in humble submission to God's will and in memory of our beloved departed ones.

Committee: Gladys E. Fillmer
Iva M. Eichman
Olena Filkins

NOMINATION COMMITTEE FOR MEMBERS OF MO. STATE YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD:—We submit the following names for nomination:

Rev. O. T. Allred	Monett, Mo.
Bro. Elsworth Wilson	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. William Reeves	Irondale, Mo.
Rev. Harvey Hill	St. Louis, Mo.
Dea. John Bough	Stockton, Mo.

Committee: Frank Linton
Hazel Scott
Mrs. Albert Halbrook
Mrs. John Thompson
Mrs. Ozella Wilson

COMITTEE ON COMMITTEES—The Committee on Committees submits the following report:

Business Committee: Mark Lewis, Harry Filkins, Lowell Martin, Jim Jefferson, Harry Beatty.

Publication Committee: Harvey Hill, Melba White, B. F. Brown.

Education Committee: Myron Hyatt, Albert Halbrook, Kenneth Turner.

Temperance Committee: N. H. Rhoades, Thora Arbogast, Ora George.

Obituary Committee: Gladys Fillmer, Iva Eichman, Olena Filkins.

Mission Committee: Alice Dickey, Mary Wellbaum, Christina Halbrook.

Committee: James F. Miller

Orville Dobbs

W. K. Weston

John E. Bough

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

1. Inasmuch as our brother, Rev. James F. Miller, is answering the call of the Lord to other fields of labor; be it resolved that this body now in session extend unto him our heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for his long and faithful service in the Missouri State Association. Many of us, as younger ministers, have looked to him as our father in labors and wise counselor in time of need. We remember the long period he served as Moderator of this Body, also his labors while a member of the Executive Board and recognize his mindfulness of the least to the greatest of all who have labored with him in this great work of the Lord's in Missouri. Therefore, we bid him God-speed in his new fields of labor and pray that the Lord will prosper him there. Be it further resolved that we extend to him the hand of fellowship in this service.

2. We recommend that this session of the Association accept a notice of a proposed change of the Constitution in Article No. 4 to read as follows: "The officers of this Association shall be, a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose term of office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) 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 Association; who shall perform the following duties: First, shall be the legal

corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist; to be a Board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, 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 entrusted 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." Proposed change to be voted upon at the next regular session of the Association.

3. We recommend that Article No. 10 of the By-laws, pertaining to the election of officers, be changed to read as follows: "All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by standing vote unless otherwise requested or ordered by the Body."

4. We recommend that a new Article be inserted in the By-Laws to become No. 9 to read as follows: "The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorarium of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year."

5. Whereas, there are three requests from local Associations for this body to take steps to reopen the Gem Office; and, whereas there is not in view at present a person or persons who would consider the position of editor and business manager of said Gem office, we wish to go on record as inviting applications of persons who are in position and desire consideration for this honorable place. Furthermore, we recommend that the delegation attending this session call the attention of their respective churches to the urgent need in this important phase of our Missouri State work and that each church have seasons of special prayer, asking the Lord, who is able to supply every need, to give us the person to fill this place.

6. Be it resolved that this Body make the Missouri State F. W. B. Youth Encampment Board a permanent Board of five members, to be chosen from this body with terms of office to expire alternately with members to be elected with terms of office from one to five years. This board to have power of direction in every phase of our Youth Encampment project, to receive and manage funds or any property donated for this specified program.

7. Be it resolved that the members of this Board be nominat-

ed by a nomination committee appointed by the Moderator for the beginning of terms.

8. We recommend that this body give a standing vote of thanks to the officers of this Association, and to each committee that has served so efficiently and lovingly to make this Association such a grand success.

9. We recommend that this Body extend to Myrtle Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality and royal entertainment and may we pray that their blessings may be rich and manifold for having received us and cared for us in such a gracious manner during this session of the Association.

Committee: Mark Lewis

Harry Filkins

Lowell Martin

Jim Jefferson

Harry Beatty

VISITORS

Mrs. Hazel Scott, Ethel Lackey, Gladys Fillmer, Dolly Lewis, Mrs. Harley Davis, Mrs. Melvin Schaffaer, Mrs. Talitha Redburn, Mrs. Iva Eichman, Mrs. Tony Davis, Willard Lackay, Gladys Brewer, Ida Carter, Ella Ramer, Mrs. R. J. Wischart, Mrs. J. P. Willbanks, Linda Moyer, Carolyn Moyer, Lola Filkins, Nettie Wilkerson, Ozella Combs, Jean Wilbanks, Ralph Stout, Melvina Crass, Nellie Mills, John W. Cypret, Mrs. John W. Cypret, Lavica Wilkerson, Abe Combs, Ora Clark, Lillian Crass, J. L. Hayes, Mrs. John Pauli, J. B. Literland, Billy Jean Litherland, Sadie Litherland, Mrs. J. L. Hays, Leonard Clark, Charles Jackson.

DEACONS

J. P. Wheeler, Clifton Wright, John Bough, George LaShum, Ottis Martin, J. K. Stephens, Harley Harper, Hugh Jenkins, Harry Filkins, Alfred Wilkerson, Blaine Matthews, J. B. Jefferson, Lloyd Warren, R. J. Wischart, Herman Miley, Fred L. King, Ralph T. Hoyt, Bert Adams, M. E. Williams, M. H. White.

DELEGATES

Ozella Wilson, W. P. Wheeler, William D. McFarland, Velma Holman, Dorothy Pirtle, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Leona Thompson, Mrs. Cleo Black, Cleo Black, Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. Emma Bebout, Evelyn Alyea, Ruby Smith, Martha Clayton, Effie Young, Bertha Souden, Alta Mikel, Lizzie Filkins, Alma Adams, Martha

Burcham, Anthony Burcham. Mrs. Walter Pirtle, Ruby Baker, Tony Davis, Magdalene McFarland, Inez Myers, Alta Powell, Otha Lahman, La Verne Miley, Elza Hollis, Albert Wilkerson, Chester Morris, Alice Finn, Margaret Turner, Theo Bough, C. H. Zellmer, Izola Zellmer, Mary Filkins, J. O. Filkins, Lena Miley, Dora Fugate, Nannie Johnson, Anna Mae Tucker, Pearl Burtchett, Dewey Burtchett, J. L. Crawford, Jim Candler, Pauline Warren, Thora Arbogast, Ancel Alexander, Gertie Dudley, Olena Filkins, Vivian Wischart, Ben LaBrot, Alta Jefferson, Roscoe Mills, D. L. Blankenship, J. W. King, Gweneth Talley, Herman Finn, Everett Allred, Katherine Smith, Janeta Adams, Edna Ruth Johnson, Virginia Watkins, Harold Scott, Sterling Tucker, Darlene Peterson, Dorothy Price, Leroy Peterson, Georgia McDaniels, Irene Kirk, N. H. Rhoades, Mrs. Jesse Peterson, Jesse Peterson.

MINISTER'S COMPANIONS

Belva Zinn, Verdun Bingham, Mrs. Charles Moyer, Blanche Tucker, Ora George, Myron Hyatt, Blanche Matthew, Mrs. William Reeves, Jewel Campbell, Thelma Lewis, Christina Halbrook, Lucille Beatty, Evelyn Greenway, Mrs. Finis Johnson, Myrtle Thrasher, Burnice Davis, Mrs. T. J. Dunkin, Eunice Miller, Christine Dees.

MINISTERS

Mark Lewis, 2043a Sidney, St. Louis, Mo.
Harvey E. Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
H. Albert Tucker, 454 Hill St., Rivermines, Mo.
Charles H. Moyer, Farmington, Mo.
Woodrow Matthews, Mina LaMotte, Mo.
William Reeves, Irondale, Mo.
John Thrasher, Southwest City, Mo.
F. D. Johnson, Alton, Mo.
J. F. Miller, Desloge, Mo.
Orville Dobbs, Kirksville, Mo.
Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, Kansas City, Mo.
W. K. Weston, Monett, Mo.
F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo.
Melvin Bingham, Box 635, Flat River, Mo.
John W. Rodgers, Fredericktown, Mo.
Noel Greenway, Verona, Mo.
Effie Matthews, Desloge, Mo.
Joe Sisk, Myrtle, Mo.

Davie Combs, Couch, Mo.
Billie Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.
Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo.
Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Paul R. Williams, Carterville, Mo.
Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas
Cecil Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.
Frank Linton, Tunas, Mo.
O. T. Allred, 904 Fifth St., Monett, Mo.
C. B. Dees, Aurora, Mo.
Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

VISITING MINISTERS

Cleo Curtis, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Benjamin Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Robert B. Crawford, Nashville, Tennessee
J. P. Willbanks, Peculiar, Mo.
Homer Smith, Mountain Grove, Mo.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Auxiliary Convention met with the Myrtle F. W. B. Church Monday night, September 9, 1946.

Devotional led by Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

The president, Mrs. Marie Hyatt, took charge. Theme of Convention, "Thy Will Be Done"; Watchword, "Stewards of the Mysteries of God".

Special music by male quartet of Flat River Church.

The president appointed the following committees: Appreciation—Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Pauline Warren, Mrs. Alma Adams; Business Resolutions—Mrs. Verdun Bingham, Mrs. Dorothy Pirtle, Mrs. Bertha Souden; Obituary—Mrs. Thelma Lewis, Mrs. Bebout, Blanche Tucker.

The following were elected as the Nomination Committee: Ozella Wilson, Jewel Campbell, Gussie Hamblin, Melba White, Bertha Souden.

The Convention message, "Thy Will Be Done As Stewards of the Mysteries of God", was delivered by Rev. Melvin Bingham. An inspiring message was delivered.

Benediction by Bro. Willard Lackey.

THURSDAY MORNING

Meeting called to order by the president, Marie Hyatt. Devotional led by Mrs. Ozella Wilson.

Greetings from State Association brought by Rev. Mark Lewis, Assistant Moderator.

President's message, "Thy Will Be Done", which was inspiring and uplifting to everyone.

Topics—"Thy Will Be Done"

Through Literature and Enlistment—Mrs. Verdun Bingham.

Through Our Youth—Mrs. Evelyn Alyea.

Through Missions—Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Through Stewardship—Mrs. Jewel Campbell.

Through Personal Service—Mrs. Dorothy Pirtle.

President declared all auxiliary and mission members present as delegates.

Mrs. Jewel Campbell was appointed as clerk pro-tem.

Reports read from Indian Creek and Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Conventions, Fredericktown and Fellowship Auxiliaries. Verbal reports were given from Northeast and Northwest Missions.

Motion carried to receive report of Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

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

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

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

An offering of \$27.82 was given for kitchen needs of F. W. B. Bible College.

Motion carried to allow Second Vice-President to appoint two to assist her with next year's program.

Rev. Marie Hyatt elected to deliver the next Convention message, Mrs. Alta Mikel, alternate.

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

Delegates elected to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention were: Verdun Bingham, Gussie Hamblin, Pauline Warren, Jewel Campbell, Mary Wellbaum, Dorothy Pirtle, Ozella Wilson, Alta Powell, Thelma Lewis, and Melba White.

Motion carried to adopt report of Nomination Committee.

Motion carried that we secure a young lady from the F. W. B.

Bible College to work our State next summer behalf Auxiliary work. Mrs. Marie Hyatt was elected to contact College for the proper worker.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS RESOLUTION—We, the Business Resolution Committee, present the following:

1. That we adopt the Co-labourer Band Plan as a means of financial giving, according to National Auxiliary Convention Plan.

2. Be it resolved that we take an offering to be sent through the State Auxiliary Treasury to the Bible College for kitchen needs. Furthermore, each local organization take back the report to raise funds to be sent through the State Treasury for the College Kitchen needs.

Committee: Verdun Bingham
Dorothy Pirtle
Bertha Souden

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—We, the Nomination Committee, present the following names as State Officers for 1946-47:

President—Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
First Vice-President—Jewel Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.
Second Vice-President—Evelyn Alyea, Monett, Mo.
Third Vice-President—Verdun Bingham, Flat River, Mo.
Fourth Vice-President—Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
Fifth Vice-President—Gussie Hamblin, Flat River, Mo.
Secretary-Treasurer—Imogene Dunklin, Monett, Mo.

Committee: Ozella Wilson
Gussie Hamblin
Melba White
Bertha Souden
Jewel Campbell

OBITUARY—We, the Obituary Committee, submit the following report: Realizing that the good Lord has taken from our midst some who were faithful and cheerful co-laborers, we are made aware of the added responsibilities and the need for the work to go on; therefore, we humbly bow our heads in submission to His will and still our hearts in memory of those deceased.

ed. And lift ourselves up with courage at the thought of being reunited in the land eternal to be with them and our Saviour forever and ever.

Committee: Thelma Lewis
Blanche Tucker
Emma Bebout

APPRECIATION—We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our gratitude and thanks to the Myrtle Church for the kind hospitality and their untiring efforts in arranging for our needs.

We wish to thank the quartette of Flat River Church for its special music, also Rev. Melvin Bingham for the inspiring Convention message. Also, to the State Officers for their work.

May God's richest blessings be upon the officers this year and greater things be accomplished in this great work for the Lord.

Committee: Hazel Scott
Alma Adams
Pauline Warren

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

Executive Board

Cleo Black	-----	1949
Bob Hill	-----	1948
Kenneth Turner	-----	1947

The Missouri State League Convention met with the Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle, Mo., September 10, 1946.

Song service conducted by Rev. F. C. Zinn. Devotional led by Rev. Frank Linton. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Weston. Special music by the Male Quartet of First F. W. B. Church of Flat River.

Message, Psalms 37:1-4, "Youth for Christ", was delivered by Rev. Paul Williams.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Rev. Noel Greenway. John 15:1-14 was used for Scripture lesson. Devotional led by Rev. C. B. Dees. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

The Secretary-Treasurer appointed Rev. William Reeves as president pro-tem.

League reports (six) read and delegates seated.

Motion properly sustained that all league members be seated as delegates to this Convention.

Election of officers: President, Rev. Paul Williams; Vice-President, Rev. William Reeves; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea; Executive Board Member, Cleo Black; Field Worker, Rev. William Reeves.

Rev. Harvey Hill elected to preach the introductory message for next Convention; Rev. Frank Linton, alternate.

Motion carried that \$25.00 be given to State Unified Fund.

Motion properly sustained that the Executive Board and officers of this Convention present a new Constitution and By-Laws at next Convention.

Motion properly sustained to authorize Clerk-Treasurer to pay for printing of programs.

Motion carried that a written welcome be sent to the Christian Endeavor of the Haddam, Kansas, F. W. B. Church to come into our State League Convention whenever they organize under F. W. B. League Standards.

Motion carried that officers of this Convention prepare program for 1947 Convention which are to be mailed to persons appearing on the program at least 30 days prior to 1947 session.

Motion carried that persons appearing on 1947 League Program be given power to appoint a proxy if they are unable to attend.

Program of Afternoon

Theme: Truths to Be Kept in Mind by F. W. B. Leaguers.
League Song—"Onward Christian Leaguers".

Topic 1—"The Ideal of A Clean Life", by Rev. Harvey Hill.
Special Music—Mixed Quartet of First Church of Flat River.

Topic 2—"The Power of Personal Influence", by Mrs. Alice Dickey.

Topic 3—"Moral Strength Is Mightier Than Physical", by Mrs. Evelyn Alyea.

Reading of Minutes accepted.

Motion carried to adjourn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money on hand Sept. 10, 1946	-----	\$27.10
Money received with letters	-----	9.32
Total in treasury	-----	\$36.42

Paid Out	
Unified Fund -----	\$25.00
Printing of Minutes -----	5.00
Total paid out -----	\$30.00
Balance in Treasury -----	\$6.42

Evelyn Alyea, Secretary-Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met in the sixth session with the Myrtle F. W. B. Church, Myrtle, Mo., in joint session with the Missouri State Association of F. W. B.'s on Wednesday, September 11, 1946, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Meeting called to order by president, Rev. Mark Lewis. Singing led by Rev. Harvey Hill. Devotional service in charge of Rev. Charles Moyer.

The message was delivered by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. His subject was "Being a living witness for Christ" based upon John 17:23. A spiritual and soul-stirring message was delivered as a challenge to Christians.

The president appointed the following committees: Nominating, Rev. Frank Linton, Martha Burcham and Verdun Bingham; Business, Rev. Albert Halbrook and Rev. Harvey Hill.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting called to order by singing led by Rev. F. C. Zinn. Devotional led by Elna Holman. Prayer by Rev. Orville Dobbs and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Quartette Number, "I'm Going to Ride in God's Airplane" by Flat River quartet.

Theme of Convention—"Sunday School working in our Youth Encampment Project."

Letters were read from Madison Co., St. Francois Co., Triumphant, and Northeast Mo. Sunday School Conventions. Delegates were seated.

Motion properly sustained to seat all Sunday School workers as delegates.

The report of the Nomination Committee was accepted. Officers elected are: President, Rev. Albert Halbrook; Vice Presi-

dent, Rev. Woodrow Matthews; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. William Reeves.

A standing vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers for their faithful service rendered.

Report of Business Committee accepted.

Item No. 1, adopted—We recommend that three field workers be sent out into the different sections of our State to work in the interest of all phases of our denominational work.

Item No. 2, adopted—That each Sunday School give the fifth Sunday offering to the general treasurer of the State Sunday School Convention to be used for operating expenses for the three field workers.

Item No. 3, adopted—That this Convention express our appreciation to each Sunday School for its liberal offering given to our Youth Encampment fund, also recommend that we give ourselves anew and our means to this most worthy cause.

Item No. 4, adopted—That this Missouri State Sunday School Convention express our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the local community for the splendid hospitality, royal entertainment and christian fellowship.

Motion properly sustained to retain Nominating Committee to elect three field workers before State Association adjourns.

Rev. LaVerne Miley was elected to preach introductory message at the next Convention, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, alternate.

Program

Quartet—"The Rock" by Flat River Quartet.

Topic No. 1—"What the Local Sunday School Can Do for Our Youth Encampment" by Rev. O. T. Allred and Rev. Robert Crawford.

Duet, "In Gethsemane" by Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Topic—"What the Youth Encampment Can Do for Our Local Sunday Schools" by Rev. Mark Lewis and Mary Wellbaum.

Treasurer's report read and received.

Minutes read and approved.

Motion to adjourn.

Rev. Albert Halbrook, President
Rev. William Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer

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 entrusted 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 moderator or his assistant to chair, and if neither 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 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 discussion 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. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorarium of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year.

10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by standing vote unless otherwise requested or ordered by the Body.

12. 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.

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

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

15. A majority of all votes 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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 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.

Psalm 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.

1 John 2:2.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION.—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance of 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 16:6; 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, JUDGMENT, 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, not 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, 1945

	Indian Creek	Niangua	N. W. Mo.	N. E. Mo.
No. Churches July 1, 1945	10	7	6	11
No. Churches Reporting	10	5	6	10
Membership July 1, 1945	816	450	320	403
Members Received	100	15	16	18
New Churches Received				
Number Baptized	38	13	9	14
Dismissed by Letter	6		11	2
Number Excluded	6			
Number Deceased	5	6	8	5
Resident Members	529	200	167	300
Non-Resident Members	347	265	153	135
No. Churches July 1, 1946	10	7	6	11
Total Membership July 1, 1946	876	465	320	455
Number Tithers	90		210	12
No. Prayer Meetings	8	3	1	2
Number Leagues	3	2	1	
League Membership	117	32	25	
Number of Home Missions	4	1	2	4
Home Mission Membership	74	11	34	58
Number of Sunday Schools	10	5	6	10
Sunday School Enrollment	394	170	156	340
No. of Sunday School Officers	52	22	19	31
No. Sunday School Teachers	45	17	18	33
Amount Paid Pastor	\$ 3,819.50	\$ 632.50	\$ 935.00	\$ 1,336.75
Amount Paid Evangelist	976.80	165.81	200.30	798.65
Amt. for Building & Repairs	1,203.00	127.50	231.72	317.24
Amount for Incidentals	1,195.75	139.63	87.20	312.23
Value of Church Property	24,500.00	5,200.00	10,000.00	7,700.00
Amt. for Foreign Missions	506.00	75.35	88.43	141.98
Amt. for Home Missions	185.00		181.00	193.01
Amt. for Superannuation				
Amount for Education	173.25		12.00	106.94
Amount for Publication	294.05	59.97	141.00	229.40
Amount for Unified Fund	247.40		18.00	756.21
Number Ordained Ministers	24	4	8	4
Number Licensed Ministers	9		2	1
Number Ordained Deacons	28	17	10	27
Churches Without Pastors	1	1	2	2
Amount of Budget	35.00	3.25		7.00

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

TO JULY 1, 1946

Harmony	S. E. Mo.	Cave Springs	Laclede County	S. W. Mo. S. E. Kans.	Liberty	Missouri State
12	15	19	12	6	10	108
8	15	19	10	6	9	98
550	1234	1087	637	595	551	6,643
	168	77	41	60	52	507
						0
	71	71	13		26	255
	68	11	4		6	108
	3	2	2		1	14
1	18	7	3		10	64
270	921	883	469	307	483	4,529
229	492	261	207	288	256	2,633
12	15	19	12	6	10	108
545	1,413	1,144	676	595	805	7,274
	200	10		17		539
5	13	4	4	2	3	45
	8	3		2	4	23
	262	210		60	152	858
	3					14
	57					262
7	15	16	9	5	9	92
235	1,114	908	305	267	273	4,162
17	59	42	12	12	26	298
13	82	68	25	14	33	353
\$ 115.00	\$14,037.13	\$ 2,306.19	\$ 946.39	\$ 1,355.91	\$ 1,738.06	\$ 27,222.43
460.35	1,776.88	548.56	225.00	280.25	241.62	5,634.20
90.00	4,206.21	3,494.29	859.64	250.91	374.73	11,155.34
23.04	2,345.91	145.65	225.00		214.17	4,688.64
5,100.00	58,560.00	10,350.00	10,400.00	72,000.00	9,200.00	213,010.00
	612.94	244.09		1,001.75	472.62	3,143.17
	287.64	425.25		330.11	35.00	1,637.01
				5.00		5.00
	263.36	101.81		232.37	115.00	914.73
	897.64	334.90	325.00	221.22	134.32	2,637.54
	990.87	48.93				2,061.47
16	22	14	23	13	14	142
	6	2	1	3	1	25
14	43	40	21	24	28	252
1			2	2		11
	62.10	39.65			4.40	151.40

Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.