

**THE
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1949

**PROCEEDINGS
Of The
36th ANNUAL SESSION**

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SUNNY VIEW CHURCH
Near Lebanon, Missouri**

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OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Ass't. Mod.	Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
Clerk-Treas.	Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Ass't. Clerk.....	Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.
Statistician.....	Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.	1950
Rev. F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo.	1951
Rev. LaVerne Miley, Kirksville, Mo.	1952
Rev. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.	1953
Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.	1954

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be delivered by Rev. Benjamin Scott; Rev. Billy Rodgers, Alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-sixth annual session with the Sunny View Church, Lebanon, Mo., Tuesday night, September 13, 1949.

Meeting called to order by the host pastor, Rev. Roy Jones.

Congregational singing led by Miss Ruth Peterson. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Our Association was called to order for business by the Clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt, and Rev. O. T. Allred, the Moderator, was called to the chair.

Welcome address by host pastor, Rev. Roy Jones. Response by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Special music rendered by Jimmy Edwards, Roger Reed and St. Louis Southside Quartet.

Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Introductory Message was delivered by Rev. Cecil Campbell of Wheaton, Mo. Scripture Lesson, Psalms 1; Text—"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Esther 4:14. A challenging message to F. W. B.'s admonished them to accept the given text as their mission in life today—as we serve, to be true to the Word of God and stand for it's pure and unadulterated truth.

Benediction by Rev. Roy Alyea.

Wednesday Morning

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Roy Alyea.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, took charge.

Devotional led by Rev. Ray Markley. Psalms 37, Scripture lesson.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the following associations: Harmony, N. W. Mo. & N. E. Kans., N. E. Mo., Cave Springs, C. W. Mo., Liberty, Indian Creek, S. E. Mo., Laclede County.

Motion carried to adopt a partial report of State Executive Board (containing the petitionary letter from Mission Association).

Motion carried to receive letter and seat delegates of Mission Association.

Prayer by Rev. Jas. F. Miller.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. O. T.

Allred, Monett, Mo.; Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.; Clerk-Treasurer, Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Rev. Paul Willams chose as Assistant Clerk.

A letter of greetings from Rev. Mark Lewis, Owensboro, Ky. was read at this time.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Committees: Rev's. Harvey Hill, Rolla Smith, Roy Alyea, Homer Smith, Wm. Reeves.

At this time Auxiliary Convention met in its regular annual session.

Eleven O'clock

Motion carried to accept partial report of Committee on Committees.

Wednesday Afternoon

Motion carried to accept report of Committee on Committees.

Wednesday Night

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Special music rendered by Southside Quartet, Dale Anderson, Betty Dickey, and Sunny View Quartet.

Congregational song and prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey.

Missionary message delivered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Subject, "The Compulsion of the Compassion." Text, John 4:4. A soul-stirring message awakened the hearts of listeners of the compassionate love of God which causes the compulsion of unlimited service for the Master.

An offering of \$85.00 was given to Missions.

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

Benediction.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Time given to Missouri State Auxiliary Convention.

Scripture lesson—Psalms 23, read by Rev. Roger Reed. Prayer by Miss Mary Ruth Wischart.

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

Nominating Committee (Harry Beatty, Eunice Edwards, Mary Ruth Wischart) for Youth Encampment Board Members was appointed.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to meet with the Mountain Grove F. W. B. Church for the 1950 session of Missouri State Association.

Rev. Benjamin Scott elected to deliver the Introductory message at the 1950 session, with Rev. Billy Rodgers as alternate.

Motion carried to receive the report of State Youth Encampment Board; also, Financial Report contained therein.

Motion carried to receive report of 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 recommit Item No. 3 of Education Report to it's Committee.

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

Motion carried to table Youth Encampment Secretary's recommendation.

Motion carried to receive the report of our F. W. B. Gem Printing Office.

Benediction.

Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. O. D. Matthews. Special music rendered by Sunnyview Quartet, Ruth Peterson and Richard Lathrop, and Rev. and Mrs. F. C. Zinn.

Message by Rev. Harry Beatty. Subject—"Being in Partnership with God;" text, John 4:24. A message that revealed Christians as partakers of spiritual blessings of God and joint-heirs with Christ was an inspiration and blessing.

Benediction by Rev. Bob Hill.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing. Scripture lesson, Hebrews 12:1-15, read by Rev. O. T. Allred. Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Letter read and delegates seated from Niangua Association.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to accept report of State Executive Bard.

Rev. Harry Beatty elected as a member of the Executive Board for a five year term.

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

Motion carried to accept report of Nominating Committee for delegates to National Association.

Motion carried to receive report of Publication Committee.

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

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

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

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

Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred.

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

Motion carried to give our State Statistician an honorarium of \$10.00 and a standing vote of thanks for his services.

Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Missouri State League Convention.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Missions Committee.

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

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

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

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

Congregational singing.

Motion carried to instruct the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Rev. Mark Lewis, Owensboro, Ky.

Motion carried to receive further report of Business Committee.

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 that Missouri State Executive Board act as an auditing committee for State Treasurer's Books.

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

Congregational singing. Praise service led by Rev. A. W. Brooks. Time of spiritual fellowship in a Christian handshake and rejoicing through the shouting of the saints climaxed our afternoon session.

Marimba Solo, "It is Well with my Soul," by Betty Dickey.

Benediction by Rev. Melba White.

Thursday Night

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. McCoy. Special music rendered by Sunny View Quartet, and Rev's. Winford Davis and Noel Greenway.

Special program rendered by Youth Camp young people consisted of numbers by Mary Ruth and LaVerne Wisheart, Kenneth Reeves and Jimmie Edwards. Inspiring and challenging testimonies were given by our Christian young people that have attended previous sessions of the Youth Camp.

Prayer by Jimmie Edwards.

Message by Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Text, Job 1:1. A message of challenge to hold our youth up before the Lord in the support of our Youth Encampment Program awakened listeners in the realization that progress waits on stewardship, our stewardship.

A period of consecration prayer followed the message.

Youth Encampment pictures were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Benediction.

Friday Morning

Congregational singing. Devotional led by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite. Psalms 1 used as Scripture lesson followed by prayer.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to accept report of Nominating Committee for members of Youth Encampment Board.

Motion carried to adopt report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Missouri State Auxiliary Convention.

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

Motion carried to accept report of State Superannuation Board.

Rev. Benjamin Scott elected as member of State Board of Superannuation for a five-year term.

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys elected as member of State Board of Superannuation for a two-year term.

Motion carried that our State Body approve the suggested allocation of State Unified Fund as presented by State Executive Board.

Motion carried to receive further report of Business Committee.

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 8 of Business Committee.

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

Motion carried to accept minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1950 session of the Missouri State Association.

Benediction by Bro. Millard.

Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill. Special music rendered by Southside Quartet, Rev's. Winford Davis and Noel Greenway, Rev. Roger Reed, and Miss Erma Barr.

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Message by Rev. F. C. Zinn. Subject, "Life from God; Life to God." Text, Gen. 22:1. This service was highlighted by the shouting and praise from hearts of the entire congregation. A Christian fellowship handshake climaxed this session of our beloved Missouri State Association. It was a mere taste of heaven to be there. The blessings of God were manifold.

Benediction.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator
Rev., Marie Hyatt, Clerk

Those who served during the session of the Ass'n.

as song leaders, pianists, and special singers are as follows:

Pianist—Anna Mae McFarland, Joan Jones, Mary Ruth Wisehart and Marie Hyatt.

Song Leaders—Ruth Peterson, Roy Alyea, Bob Hill, Roger Reed, and Noel Greenway.

Special Singers—Jimmie Edwards, Rev. Roger Reed, St. Louis Southside Quartet, Sunny View Quartet, Rev. Winford Davis and Rev. Noel Greenway, and Dale Anderson.

Marimba Soloist—Betty Dickey.

REPORTS

SUPERANNUATION REPORT—

We, your Board of Superannuation, wish to make the following report:

We are slowly, but steadily building up a fund in our Superannuation Fund.

Financial Report

Brought forward from last year.....	\$292.00
Received from State Treasurer.....	70.20
Total	362.20
Paid to National Treasurer.....	17.50
Amount in Treasury.....	\$344.70

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Sec'y-Treas.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Paul Williams.....	Cartersville, Mo.
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.....	Monett, Mo.
Rev. Roy Alyea.....	Monett, Mo.
Rev. F. C. Zinn.....	Flat River, Mo.
Rev. Benjamin Scott.....	St. Louis, Mo.

TREASURER'S REPORT—(Sept. 1, 1948-Aug. 31, 1949)

State Unified Fund

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 97.38
Total amount received.....	2,000.95
Total amount in Fund.....	2,098.33
National Program Fund.....	\$1,501.78
Home Mission Fund.....	49.91
Superannuation Fund.....	49.93
Nat'l. Headquarters Fund.....	24.96
State General Expense.....	471.48
Total amount disbursed.....	2,098.06
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 27

Expansion Program Fund

Total amount received.....	\$253.52
Total amount disbursed.....	253.52

Co-Laborer Band Fund

Total amount received.....	\$56.52
Total amount disbursed.....	56.52

Jehoida Chest Fund

Total amount received.....	\$23.00
Total amount disbursed.....	23.00

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Total amount received.....	\$121.22
Total amount disbursed.....	121.22

Home Mission Fund

Total amount received.....	\$48.37
Total amount disbursed.....	48.37

Superannuation Fund

Total amount received.....	\$21.00
Total amount disbursed.....	21.00

Youth Camp Fund

Total Amount received.....	\$5.00
Total amount disbursed.....	5.00

Cuban Student Support

Total amount received.....	\$55.00
Total amount disbursed.....	55.00

Foreign Mission Fund

Total amount received.....	\$2,390.13
Total amount disbursed.....	2,390.13

Missions Fund

Total amount received.....	\$4,608.70
Foreign Missions.....	\$3,226.09
Home Missions.....	1,382.61
Total amount disbursed.....	4,608.70

State General Expense (Specified)

Total amount received.....	\$89.78
Total amount disbursed.....	89.78

State Entertainment Fund

Total amount received.....	\$570.44
Total amount disbursed.....	570.44

Totals

Brought forward on all funds.....	\$ 97.38
Received on all funds.....	10,341.01
Paid out on all funds.....	10,340.74
Balance in Treasury on all funds.....	\$.27

Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD REPORT—

To the Missouri State Association convening at the Sunny View Church:

We, your Youth Encampment Board wish to make a report of our work for the year 1948-49.

This has been a good year of progress in the program of our camp. We have made considerable improvements on the grounds and buildings. We have also secured a caretaker (temporarily) part time to care for and look after our camp property.

We have a nice supply of kitchen, dining hall and play ground equipment; a number of mattresses; piano; songbooks, and about eighty folding chairs. Also tools, etc.

We have just closed a wonderful Youth session of an enrollment of 61 students besides visitors, help and the faculty. The Camp was crowned with the salvation of nine souls and a number of our boys and girls dedicating their lives to the Lord for special service.

In the Board meeting at the close of the session, it was voted to invite the next setting of the State Association to convene at the Youth Camp.

We solicit the help and prayers of the State Association and the people of the State to help make our year's program and plans of improvements a reality to the hearts and hopes of our Youth.

Financial Report

Bal. brought for'd., Sept. 1, 1949.....	\$180.37
Received to January 15, 1949.....	493.86
Paid out.....	\$493.86

Audited

Brought forward (from audit).....	\$183.93
Received in January.....	83.98
Paid out.....	\$ 48.20
Received in February.....	60.57
Paid out.....	2.00
Received in March.....	82.09
Paid out.....	259.88
Received in April.....	64.04
Paid out.....	84.85
Received in May.....	179.44
Paid out.....	19.25
Received in June to Aug. 15.....	133.83
Paid out.....	304.11
Received.....	16.00
Total Receipts.....	\$803.88

Total Disbursements.....	\$718.29
Balance	\$ 85.59
Received for entertainment af Youth Camp Session	\$761.64
Cost of Youth Camp Session.....	599.33
Balance	162.31
Total amount in Treasury.....	\$274.90

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Sec'y-Treas.

EXECUTIVE BOARD'S REPORT—

The Missouri State Executive Board met at Sublette, Mo., Sept. 17, 1948 and organized the Bôard. Rev. F. C. Zinn elected chairman and Rev. Harry Beatty elected Secretary-Treasurer. Motion carried that members of the Board receive the rate of 10 cents per mile one way when called to service. The prospect of organizing a church in Kansas City was discussed. Members present were: Rev's. F. C. Zinn, Harry Beatty, LaVerne Miley, Paul Williams, and Dea. John Bough. Adjourned.

October 5, 1948. Members F. C. Zinn, Harry Beatty and John Bough with Bro. and Sis. Ottis Martin proxying for absent board members met in Kansas City, Mo., at 43rd and Garfield Streets. Bro. Zinn opened the service with congregational singing, prayer and two special songs. Gospel message by Bro. Beatty. Scripture, II Peter 1:1-6; Text, Isa. 54:2. Following the message, Bro. Zinn gave order of organization and called for members. Eleven responded, received the charge and accepted the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. Prayer of consecration led by Sis. Dickey and Sis. Lowell Martin. Right hand of fellowship given with a great spirit of unity prevailing. Election of officers: Rev. Alice Dickey, Pastor; Bessie Welch, Secretary-Treasurer; Deacons selected were Bro's. Warren Moffett, Raymond Dickey and Weaver Welch. Each of them stood willingly accepting responsibility. With this splendid organization perfected, the five hundred dollars pledged by Missouri State Association was forwarded to help purchase church property.

December 14, 1948. Three members of the Executive Board (Rev's. F. C. Zinn, Paul Williams, Harry Beatty) and Rev's. Mark Lewis and O. T. Allred substituting for absent members, met at the Mt. Valley Church at the invitation of the delegation there. We met and aided them in the organization of the Mission Association.

When this organization was perfected, the Mission Association voted unanimously to petition the State Association through the Executive Board. The petition was accepted.

Financial Report of Home Mission Board

Balance brought forward.....	\$ 653.94
Total receipts.....	1,490.87
Total amount in Treasury.....	2,144.81
Oct. 5—Kansas City Church.....	\$500.00
Oct. 26—John Bough, Tr. Ex.	15.00
Oct. 26—F. C. Zinn, Tr. Ex.	33.50
Oct. 26—Harry Beatty, Tr. Ex.	33.50
March 29—Roach Itinerary-to Nat'l.	
Foreign Mission Board.....	159.54
Total Disbursements.....	741.54
Balance in Treasury.....	\$1,403.27

Harry Beatty, Clerk-Treasurer

REPORT OF GEM PRINTING OFFICE—

In spite of the universal slump in business the past six or eight months, and the usual summer slump always felt at the Gem Office, yet the Gem can report another successful year. In addition to putting out the Gem magazine each month we have done a large amount of other work both religious ad commercial. Most of our job work has been of a religious nature, yet we have done several hundred dollars worth of commercial work. It is the desire of the Gem management to do nothing but religious printing, but when religious sources fail to supply sufficient work to keep the Gem establishment moving we must resort to the business world for work.

We have handled over \$8,000 during the past year. However, operating expenses have been high and it has taken nearly all of this amount to keep moving.

Brought forward from last year.....	\$ 136.48
Total amount received during past year from all	
sources	8,254.03
Grand Total.....	8,390.51
Paid out during past year for all purposes.....	7,847.97
Balance in treasury September 1, 1949.....	\$ 542.54

Of this balance, 499.09 is money paid in specially donated for the purpose of purchasing an automatic job press. So in reality there was only the amount of \$43.45 in the treasury September 1 for operating purposes.

Of all money received during the past year, the fol-

lowing amounts were received from the following sources:

Subscriptions to the Gem.....	\$1,479.00
Religious job work, including minute work.....	2,819.63
Commercial job work.....	930.74
Offering for automatic job press.....	499.09
Offering for casting box and saw.....	152.15
Offerings to general Gem fund.....	215.40
Sale of books.....	184.62
Sale of Sunday School supplies.....	193.74
Sale of treatise, profit.....	97.47
Rent from Foreign Missions Department.....	130.00
Advertising in Gem.....	19.50
Advertising in Christian Advertiser.....	329.33
From State Treasurer.....	148.47
For rollers.....	\$42.50
For linotype repairs.....	76.71
For repairs on windows.....	29.36

Of all money paid out during the past year the following was paid out for the following purposes:

Hired help.....	\$3,756.57
Paper	852.07
Cost of books (not including treatise).....	38.82
Utilities	383.77
Postage	373.42
Repairs	229.12
Picture Cuts.....	112.26
Ink	52.09
Proofing press, paper punch, and perforator.....	60.00
Gas heater.....	10.00
Chase furniture.....	14.85
Linotype matrix.....	33.15
Casting box and saw.....	115.00
Paid from equipment fund for cutter blade.....	27.52
Paid from equipment fund for type.....	16.35
Taken out for personal use during the year.....	679.15

Winford Davis, Editor-Manager

COMMITTEES

MISSIONS—

We, your Missions Committee, submit the following recommendations:

No. 1. That the support of Missions be continued on the basis of the 70-30% arrangement for another year.

No. 2. We recommend that this Association instruct every active pastor to teach the church or churches of

which they are pastor that to be a missionary church, is not only to support the missionary on the field, but to support by prayer and by financial support, the institutions that help to prepare the missionaries for the work to which God has called them.

No. 3. That, in December we help raise funds through a special love offering to help defray the expense of Miss Barnard's return home for furlough in the Spring of 1950.

No. 4. In view of the fact the National Board of Foreign Missions has increased the quota from \$7,000.00 to \$8,000.00 for the State of Missouri, we recommend the continued and increased support of the churches.

Committee	{	Winford Davis	Harvey E. Hill
		Alta Mikel	Homer Smith
		Jas. F. Miller	Eunice Edwards

EDUCATION—

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

No. 1. That each church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School during the year in behalf of our youth.

No. 2. That each church support our Youth Camp in every way possible.

No. 3. That this Body elect an Educational Director whose duty it shall be to advance the Cause of the Bible College by any means necessary for the successful promotion of of this cause; said Director to work in conjunction with the Business Manager of the college.

We further recommend that this Director serve without remuneration.

For this position we recommend Sis. Gertrude Bowe.

No. 4. That each church support our College systematically through our State Unified plan.

Committee	{	Rolla Smith
		Roger C. Reeds
		Myron Hyatt

TEMPERANCE—

We, your Temperance Committee, beg to submit the following report:

No. 1. We recommend that we do not patronize any place of business that sells alcoholic drinks.

No. 2. We recommend that our people stay away from picture shows, pool halls and all ungodly places that draw people away from the House of God.

Committee { Evelyn Alyea
Leona Thompson
Cynda Vandivort

PUBLICATION—

We, your Committee on Publications, submit the following recommendations:

No. 1 That each local church sponsor a drive to secure subscriptions for the "Gem" to be turned in before November 1, 1949.

No. 2. That the pastors of each church take the responsibility of urging our people to continue to donate liberally to the "Gem Office Equipment Fund," explaining to them the need of such.

No. 3 That we use F. W. B. Literature for our Sunday Schools and Young People's Meetings, and that we avail ourselves of all books, tracts, and other printed matter in general, which is written by our F. W. B. people or recommended by our people.

Committee { Lloyd T. Jeffreys
Mildred Gilliam
Lucille Beatty

OBITUARY—

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His wisdom has called from our midst a number of our beloved brothers and sisters from the following Associations:

Indian Creek.....	9
Northeast Missouri.....	6
Cave Springs.....	9
Laclede	11
Central Western Missouri.....	1
Southeast Missouri.....	10
Liberty	5
Niangua	5

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

Committee { Mary Filkins
Hazel Scott
Opal E. Jeffreys

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—(For Youth Encampment Board Members)

We, your Nominating Committee, desire to submit the following nominations:

1. That Rev. William Reeves be elected to succeed himself.
2. That Rev. Rolla Smith be elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Mark Lewis.

Committee { Harry Beatty
Eunice Edwards
Mary Ruth Wischart

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—(For Delegates to Nat'l. Association)

We, the nominating Committee wish to submit the following report:

We recommend that this body send as our delegates to the National Association which is to be held at Richmond, California, July 1950, the following persons: Mrs. Bill Weston, Jewel Turner, Myron Hyatt, Mrs. Benjamin Scott, Gertie Butler, Gladys Fillmer, Gertrude Bowe, Raymond Dickey, Weaver Welch, Eunice Miller, Lucille Beatty, Belva Zinn, Thora Arbogast, Sylvia Dodd, Burnice Davis and Christine Dees.

Committee { Gladys E. Fillmer
N. H. Rhoades
Mary Wellbaum

COMMITTEES—

We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

Pulpit Committee: Rev. Roy Jones, Alta Powell, Byrl Halliburton, Marie Peterson, Wm. McFarland.

Business Committee: Rev's Wm. Reeves, Cecil Campbell, Benjamin Scott, Glen Jones, Dea. Ross Thomas.

Obituary Committee: Mary Filkins, Hazel Scott, Opal Jeffreys.

Missions Committee: Rev's. Winford Davis, Eunice Edwards, Harvey Hill, Jas. F. Miller, Alta Mikel, Homer Smith.

Nominating Committee for delegates to Nat'l. Ass'n.: Gladys Fillmer, N. H. Rhoades, Mary Wellbaum.

Special Music: Roy Alyea, Bob Hill, Anna Mae McFarland.

Publication Committee: Lloyd Jeffreys, Mildred Gil-

liam, Lucille Beatty.

Education Committee: Rolla Smith, Roger Reed,

Myron Hyatt.

Temperance Committee: Evelyn Alyea, Leona Thompson, Cynda Vandivort.

Committee { Wm. Reeves
Harvey E. Hill
Rolla D. Smith
Roy Alyea
Homer Smith

BUSINESS—

We, your Business Committee, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 1. That a notice be given at this setting of the Association, and a written notice be published in our State paper of an added amendment to the Constitution to permanently authorize the establishment of a Youth Camp Board, as has been set up, to be Article No. 10 which shall read as follows:

A Youth Camp Board be elected, whose terms 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. At the expiration of these terms, one shall be elected for five years, and if any vacancies occur, shall fill such vacancies until the next Association, and shall perform the following duties: superintend and control all activities of the camp and any other business that shall be deemed necessary.

No. 2. Inasmuch as there are two invitations for the next session of the association, namely, the Youth Camp Board and the Mountain Grove Church, we recommend that this matter be decided by a majority vote of the eligible voters of this body.

No. 3. We recommend that this body change the Constitution of the State Unified Program to read 50% to the National and 50% to the State work.

No. 4. We recommend that this body approve and support the Youth Camp Board in their securing and the support of a caretaker for the coming year.

No. 5. By the request of the clerk-treasurer, we recommend that the treasurer's books be audited at the close of each church year.

No. 6. That a standing vote of thanks be given this

church, association, and the owners of these grounds, for their splendid hospitality shown in the entertainment of this session of the association. Said expression to be given in tonight's session.

No. 7. We recommend that the State Executive Board take the responsibility of control and management of the Gem Press, to be underwritten by the Home Mission Department, and that they place the Editor-Manager on a salary to be agreed upon by the Editor and Board.

No. 8. That the Executive Board will investigate, plan, and work a program to print our own Sunday School, League, and all other literature that we will require as the need arises.

No. 9. That we give our officers of this association a standing vote of thanks for their faithful service.

Committee	{	Wm. Reeves
		Cecil Campbell
		Benjamin Scott
		Ross Thomas
		Glen Jones

ENROLLMENT

DEACONS

W. L. Chandler, W. E. Hamilton, C. A. Dickerson, Vernon Arendal, Ermel Hefton, Leonard McElroy, O. D. Crepps, Ottis Martin, Ross Thomas, M. K. White, J. K. Stephens, John Bough, A. W. Hartley, N. H. Rhoades, T. F. Lewis, Clyde Hamilton, Lee Stilley, Lawrence Davis, Charlie Franklin, John S. Hickman, Byrl Halliburton, J. W. Smith, John Baker, Raymond Dickey.

MINISTER'S COMPANIONS

Mrs. Burnice Davis, Myron Hyatt, Mrs. Bob Hill, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Archie Hogue, Mrs. Belva Zinn, Mrs. Ruth Ruble, Mrs. Eddie Rogers, Mrs. Genell Scott, Mrs. Verba Smith, Mrs. Selph Jones, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. Wm. Reeves, Mrs. H. S. Vandivort, Mrs. Viola Jones, Mrs. Blanche Tucker, Mrs. Ova Vestal, Mrs. Christine Dees, Mrs. Eunice Miller, Mrs. Lola Long, Mrs. Dale Jones.

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS

Ancel Alexander, Niangua, Mo.; Georgia McDaniel, Long Lane, Mo.; Evelyn Alyea, Monett, Mo.; N. H. Rhoades, Thayer, Mo.; Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.; Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.

DELEGATES

Essie Hamilton, Mrs.. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Melvin Shaffer, James Edwards, Gladys Fillmer, Lena Johnson, Martha Siler, Gussie Hamblen, Frances Harbison, Elba Harbison, Jane Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. McFarland, Mary Ruth Wischart, LaVerne Wischart, Mrs. Edgar Davidson, Julia Gammon, Theo Bough, Mary Ray, Mary Peterson, Mrs. Emm Bebout, C. C. Bebout, J. E. Cockrell, Ona Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Filkins, Leona Thompson, Ralph Stout, Homer Elam, Ozella Wilson, Ella Dotson, Grace Lawson, Erma, Lee Barr, Martha Clayton, Bertha Souden, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fultz, Albert Holmes, Elbert Harbison, Mrs. Albert Harbison, Mrs. Albert Holmes, Betty Dickey, Mrs. Ora Nouffely, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Blanche Matthews, Virgelene Ragsdale, Cecil Peterson, Minnie Fackson, Annie Starnes, Pauline Peterson, Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Mrs. Lucy Pendergraft, Melfin Sing, Myra Orendale, Lula Schrivner, Earl Ayle, Gertie Dudley, Braxine Evans, Anna Mae McFarland, Mrs. Pearl Sirelum, Ruth Peterson, Dena Hall, Effie Slagle, Marie Sing, Mrs. Russel Hansen, Mrs. John Patton, P. H. Cansler, Oscar Leigh-ty, Marie Peterson.

VISITORS

Lewis Campbell, W. N. Sutton, Freda Hale, Mary Boyd, Carralle Underwood, Jo Ann Jones, Darline Greenway, Myra Dawn Hyatt, Lola Botkin, Charles McFarland, Mrs. O. D. Creeps, Judy Campbell, Gertrude Bowe, Don Matthews, Dwight Peterson, Christain Fryman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Myers, W. J. Slagle, Mrs. Ermal Hefton, Delia Marcom, Benjamin Vandivort, Nettie Cansler, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Vada Rogers, J. F. Arendale, Lewis Eugene Campbell.

MINISTERS

Roy Alyea, Monett, Mo.	Roy F. Jones, Lebanon, Mo.
Arthur Bailey, Plad, Mo.	C. B. Dees, Flat River, Mo.
A. A. Hogue, Cabool, Mo.	N. E. Snider, Hlggins, Mo.
Ezra Butts, Huggins, Mo.	F. C. Zinn, Flat River, Mo.
Don McCoy, Embree, Mo.	Lee Maxwell, Huggins, Mo.
Billy Rogers, Myrtle, Mo.	Winford Davis, Monett, Mo.
Dale Jones, Lebanon, Mo.	Rolla Smith, Greentop, Mo.
O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	Ray Markley, Anderson, Mo.
Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.	W. F. Millard, Lebanon, Mo.
A. J. Kelsay, Hartville, Mo.	Noel Greenway, Desloge, Mo.
Alta Mikel, Greentop, Mo.	Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

Melba White, Plattsburg, Mo.
 Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
 Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.
 Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
 Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Mo.
 L. J. Ruble, Brownfield Rt., Lebanon, Mo.
 H. H. Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.
 Cecil H. Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.
 Harry Sterling, Cartersville, Mo.
 Paul Williams, Cartersville, Mo.
 Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, Kansas City, Mo.
 Bob Hill, 132 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.
 Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.
 Roger Reeds, 2723 Salena, St. Louis, Mo.
 Woodrow Matthews, Mine LaMotte, Mo.
 O. D. Matthews, Mill Creek, Mo.
 Geo. D. Miller, Fredericktown, Mo.
 W. L. Atherton, Huggins, Mo.
 Benjamin Scott, St. Louis, Mo.
 Fred Wynn, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 G. E. Hutsell, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 Nancel K. Cline, Long Lane, Mo.
 Curtis Wilson, Brownfield, Mo.
 Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
 T. J. Peterson, Dry Knob, Mo.
 Homer F. Smith, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 James F. Miller, Farmington, Mo.
 John Moore, Grove Spring, Mo.
 H. Albert Tucker, Rivermines, Mo.
 E. E. Vestal, Grove Spring, Mo.
 Opal E. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
 Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
 Clyde Butts, Climax Springs, Mo.
 H. P. Long, 1819 N. Rodgers, Springfield, Mo.
 A. W. Brook, Mountain Grove, Mo.
 Johnnie Postlewaite, Willow Springs, Mo.
 Herbert Vandivort, Cabool, Mo.
 Raymond Smith, Huggins, Mo.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Woman's Convention met with the Sunny View Church near Lebanon, Mo., September 14, 1949. The President took charge and gave the watchword, "Advancing with Christ." Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred. Devotional led by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. Phil.

3:13-18 used as scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Melba White.

Motion carried that all auxiliary members be seated as delegates to this convention.

The following Committees were appointed:

Appreciation: Agnes Smith, Evelyn Alyea, Burnice Davis.

Obituary: Eunice Miller, Gussie Hamblen, Mary Wellbaum.

Business: Eunice Edwards, Lucille Beatty, Mildred Gilliam.

The following were elected for the Nominating Committee: Leona Thompson, Jewell Campbell, Marie Peterson, Mary Wellbaum, Eunice Miller.

The Convention message was delivered by Rev. Marie Hyatt. John 15:16 was used as basis of her discourse on "Taking Christ Seriously."

Wednesday Afternoon

Song service conducted by Alta Mikel. Prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith. Devotional led by Rev. Opal Jeffreys. Eph. 6:10, 11 used as scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

President's message, "Go Forward" by Mrs. Alta Mikel.

Topic—"Advancing with Christ through Enlistment" and a report of First Vice President, Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

Topic—"Advancing with Christ through our Youth" and a report of Second Vice President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty.

Topic—"Advancing with Christ through Mission Work" by Melba White.

Solo—"The Glory of His Presence," by Marie Hyatt.

Topic—"Advancing with Christ through Prayer," by Gertrude Bowe.

Topic—"Advancing with Christ through Service," by Rev. Eunice Edwards.

Greetings were read from Lucy Wisehart.

Reports were read and received from Ladies Home Mission of Fredericktown, Northeast Missouri Auxiliary, and Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Conventions.

Motion carried to receive the report of Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Nominating Committee's report.

Delegates elected to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention were: Jewell Campbell, Janell Scott, Alta Powell, Cinda Vandivort, Jewell Turner, Agnes Smith, Melba White, Eunice Edwards, Georgia Hill and Evelyn Alyea.

Report of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention was given by Mrs. Marie Hyatt which was enjoyed.

Motion carried to receive report of Business Committee.

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

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

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

Mrs. Eunice Edwards was elected Editor of our Auxiliary Department in the Gem.

Motion carried to give retiring officers a standing vote of thanks for service rendered during our Convention.

Benediction by Mrs. Ella Dotson.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee—

We, the Nominating Committee submit the following report:

President—Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.

First Vice President—Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.

Second Vice President—Agnes Smith, Greentop, Mo.

Third Vice President—Jewell Campbell, Wheaton, Mo.

Fourth Vice President—Burnice Davis, Monett, Mo.

Fifth Vice President—Georgia Hill, 132 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.

Secretary-Treasurer—Evelyn Alyea, Monett, Mo.

Committee	{	Leona Thompson
		Mary Wellbaum
		Eunice Miller
		Marie Peterson
		Jewell Campbell

Business—

We, your Business Committee, submit the following recommendations:

No. 1. That the Co-Laborer Band plan of support be continued as a means of financial giving to the National work.

No. 2. That an intermediate be selected from each local auxiliary to represent in each district auxiliary convention; the winner to compete at the state convention, the State winner to compete at the National Auxiliary Convention with her necessary expenses paid by the State Convention.

(a) That each local auxiliary send \$5.00 to the State Treasury by June 1, 1950 to cover the above expenses.

No. 3. That we petition the Gem for two pages each month to be edited by an editor elected today; all manuscript to be submitted to the Woman's editor by the 15th of each month.

No. 4. We urge that each auxiliary send at least ten subscriptions to the Gem within the next month.

No. 5. That each local auxiliary appoint a member to be responsible for promoting interest in a woman's auxiliary monthly magazine and to secure subscription pledges to be brought to the State Convention next year.

No. 6. That the first Tuesday night in June 1950 through Friday noon be set aside as Conference week for the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. Marie Hyatt as director and to be held at the Youth Camp.

No. 7. That an offering be taken this afternoon for current expenses: \$10.00 to clerk, \$8.00 for printing of minutes, and the balance of the offering to be given to Lucy Wisheart to finish defraying her expenses to the National Convention last year.

Committee { Eunice Edwards
Mildred Gilliam
Lucille Beatty

Appreciation Committee—

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to submit the following:

No. 1. We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to the Sunny View Church and all others who contributed to our temporal and spiritual needs.

No. 2. We wish to thank the officers and program committee who have served the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

No. 3. We wish to thank the Gem Office for printing of programs free of charge for our convention.

Committee { Agnes Smith
Evelyn Alyea
Burnice Davis

Obituary Committee—

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite love and wisdom has called from our midst a number of our beloved sisters.

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

Committee { Eunice Miller
Gussie Hamblen
Mary Wellbaum

Treasurer's Report—

On hand September 14, 1949.....	\$ 9.08
Convention Dues.....	27.13
Offering	19.13
Total Receipts.....	\$55.34
Disbursements	
Minutes	\$ 8.00
Clerk	10.00
National Convention Dues.....	13.56
Lucy Wischart.....	1.13
Total	32.69
Balance in Treasury.....	\$22.65
Received on Lucy Wischart Expenses:	
Total Receipts.....	\$31.13
Total Disbursements.....	31.13

Evelyn Alyea, Sec'y-Treas.

LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State League Convention met at the Youth Camp August 12, 1949 at 9:00 a. m.

Song service conducted by Rev. Wm. Reeves. Devotional led by Sis. Lowell Martin. Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

In absences of president and vice president, the house was called to order by secretary, Mrs. Roy Alyea. Rev. LaVerne Miley was elected president pro-tem.

Motion carried that we receive letters and seat all

League workers as delegates. The following committees were appointed: Nominating Committee—Roy Alyea, Cecil Campbell, Mary Ruth Wisheart and Janell Scott. Business Committee—Harvey Hill, Harry Beatty, Darlene Greenway and Agnes Smith. Promotional Committee—Sis. Lowell Martin, Don Hill, Lorene Bowman and Jimmie Edwards.

Letter of resignation from Rev. Bob Wilfong accepted.

Minutes of last meeting were read.

Special quartet number from Hannon.

The Nominating Committee's report was adopted as whole. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Benjamin Scott; Vice President, Rev. Roy Alyea; Secretary-Treasurer, Jewell Campbell; Ass't. Secretary, Mary Ruth Wisheart.

Special singing by group from Verdella and Hannon Churches; Fredericktown Quartet; Southside Quartet, and solo by Lucy Wisheart.

Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing led by Rev. Roy Alyea. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Message delivered by Rev. Rolla Smith. The text of his sermon was Col. 1:18.

Benediction by Rev. Noel Greenway.

Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. Noel Greenway. Devotional led by Rev. Harry Beatty. Prayer by Sis. Lucy Wisheart.

Meeting called to order by Rev. LaVerne Miley, president pro-tem.

Motion carried to receive report of Promotional Committee.

Item 1. That this body elect a State League Promotional Worker whose duty it is to promote young people's work through compilation of more complete records, correspondence and personal visits as opportunity permits; we further recommend that this worker be a young person who is actively engaged and vitally interested in League work. (Adopted)

Item 2. We also recommend that an offering be taken to defray the correspondence expense of this worker. (Adopted) Offering given was \$19.50.

Item 3. We recommend that all Leagues of this state body make full use of F. W. B. literature.

Item 4. We recommend that as many League workers as possible attend the National League Convention since it will be a great source of inspiration and promotion of fellowship among the youth of our denomination.

Rev. Bill Hill was elected for Promotional Director of Missouri State League Convention.

Motion carried to adopt report of Business Committee.

Item 1. That we have the State League Convention minutes printed with the Missouri State Association minutes and that we pay our proportionate part of the printing expense.

Item 2. That the Executive Board of the State League Convention work in co-operation with the Executive Committee of the State S. S. Convention in choosing a time and place for the next session of the Convention.

Item 3. That the officers of this Convention prepare the program for the 1950 session.

Item 4. That the individual Leagues as well as local conventions comply 100% with Article No. 3 of the By-Laws of the Missouri State League Convention; also, that they co-operate with the National League Convention by sending 10% of the League offerings together with a report quarterly to the secretary of the National League Convention.

Item 5. That this League Convention go on record as approving the splendid work of the Youth Camp.

Item 6. That due to the fact that reports to both local and state conventions lack uniformity, the Executive Board of this Convention have a form for both reports printed.

Item 7. That we give the Niangua Church and community a standing vote of thanks for their splendid co-operation during this years session of our Youth Camp, State S. S. and League Conventions.

The following topics were discussed:

No. 1. "Christ in our Bible Quiz," by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

No. 2. "Christ in Seeking New Members," by Mary Ruth Wischart.

The new officers for the next year were installed.

Motion carried to give a standing vote of thanks to our retiring officers.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Motion carried for our 1949 League session to adjourn.

Benediction.

Treasurer's Report (League)—

Amount received with letters:

Indian Creek.....	\$ 5.00
Southeast Missouri.....	10.00
Hickory Grove.....	1.50
Central Western Missouri.....	1.50

Total\$18.00

Offering 19.50

Total amount in treasury..... 37.50

Disbursements:

Programs\$2.50

Ledger 1.25

Minutes 5.00

Clerk 5.00

Total 13.75

Balance in Treasury.....\$23.75

Evelyn Alyea, Sec'y.-Treas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met in its 9th annual session at the Youth Camp August 11, 1949 in conjunction with the State League Convention and Youth Camp Session.

Called to order by President, Rev. Harvey Hill. Singing led by Rev. Roy Alyea. Devotional led by Rev. Albert Halbrook. Scripture, II Cor. 5:17-21. Prayers by Lorene Bowman and LaRue Thomas.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws.

Reading of letters from Northeast, Madison County, and Triumphant Conventions. Local Sunday Schools reporting were Myrtle and Merl's Chapel. Delegates seated included all Sunday School workers.

The following committees were appointed:

Business: Rev's. LaVerne Miley, Dale Jones, Eunice Edwards, Miss Lorene Bowman and Mrs. Marie Peterson.

Promotional: Rev's. Wm. Reeves, O. T. Allred, Don Hill, Miss LaRue Thomas and Joann Alexander.

Nominating: Rev's. Albert Halbrook, Roy Alyea, M. C. Menge, Mrs. LaVerne Miley, Lucy Wiseshart.

Reading of 1948 minutes to refresh our minds of last year's work.

A fine program was rendered by the Vacation Bible School of the Camp sponsored by Lucy Wiseshart and Wanda Edwards. A fine demonstration of a splendid work was accomplished by the teachers.

A number of special numbers were rendered by the Fredericktown Mixed Quartet, James Edwards and Jean Denton.

Motion carried to make an offering of \$25.00 to the entertainment fund of the Camp session.

Eleven O'Clock

Devotional led by Rev. LaVerne Miley. Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Weston. Scripture lesson from Col. 3:1-4.

Rev. Dale Jones brought the message using Mark 4:8 as text. His subject was "Self Denial."

Afternoon

Devotional led by Rev. Roy Alyea. Prayer by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Business session was begun. Nominating Committee's report read and adopted. The officers elected were: President, Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay, Mo.; Vice President, Lorene Bowman, Liberal, Mo.; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.; Ass't. Secretary, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine LaMotte, Mo. The new officers were installed by the secretary.

Report of Promotional Committee read and received.

Item 1. That this body elect a Sunday School Promotional worker and it shall be understood their first work would be to compile a record of each Sunday School in the State with their superintendent and secretary with a report of their activities in the Sunday School work. (Adopted)

Item 2. To encourage each Sunday School to report either through their convention or direct from the Sunday School to the State Convention. (Adop.)

Item 3. That this worker give special effort to encourage the use of Free Will Baptist literature. (Adopted)

Item 4. We recommend that steps be taken to promote a three-day teacher's training course here at the camp. (Adopted)

Item 5. We further recommend our Sunday Schools support our Youth Camp through systematic giving. (Adopted)

Motion carried that the promotional worker work with the Executive Committee in arranging the three-day teacher's training course.

The Business Committee's report read and adopted as a whole.

Item 1. To have our minutes printed with State Associational minutes, paying our proportionate part.

Item 2. That due to the uncertainty of the time of the next Youth Encampment, the time and place of the next State S. S. Convention be designated by the Executive Committee of the State Sunday School Convention.

Item 3. That Rev. LaVerne Miley be appointed as delegate-in-chief to the National Sunday School Convention with power to appoint any other that may be present to the limit of our appointed number.

Motion carried to adopt the proposed change of Article No. 7 of Constitution (recommended by Business Committee in 1948 session). It reads, "This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

Congregational singing led by Sis. Lucy Wischart.

Nominating Committee's report on Promotional Worker was received.

Item 1. Rev. Wm. Reeves—Promotional Worker.

Item 2. We further recommend that the Promotional Worker's travelling expenses be paid out of the general fund unless expenses are met by offerings taken at Sunday School visits. (Adopted)

Item 4. (Business Committee) That we give a love offering of \$25.00 to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Wilfong to aid them in their passage to Cuba. (Adopted)

Financial report read and received.

Minutes of present session read and approved.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Prayer of consecration at altar.

President, Rev. Harvey Hill
Secretary, Rev. Wm. Reeves

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 for the salvation of souls.

3. The 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, and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose terms 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 who shall hold office until his 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 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, or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

6. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies, belonging to this Association shall

constitute a quorum to transact business.

7. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence, the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor Assistant Moderator is 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 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 the 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

carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

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.

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. II 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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. I 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 Saviour and Lord. St. John 1:1-12.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT**—The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:4-6.

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, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men require. 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, inherit 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 effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith. I John 2:2.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION**—The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour 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. II 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. I Tim. 2:4.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL**—The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, 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 promise of eternal salvation. St. John 15:6; II 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 ministered to all true believers. Mark 16:15; II Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. **TITHING**—God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" (I Cor. 16:2).

15. **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.

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 will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." John 5:29; Matt. 52:46.

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 all 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 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 Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake 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.

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.

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 the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.