

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

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**1951**

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**PROCEEDINGS**  
**Of The**  
**38th ANNUAL SESSION**

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**Convened With**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**YOUTH ENCAMPMENT**  
**Niangua, Missouri**

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.  
 Assistant ..... Rev. Benj. Scott, 1330 Geyer, St. Louis, Mo.  
 Clerk-Treasurer ..... Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.  
 Assistant ..... Rev. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop, Mo.  
 Statistician ..... Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

**Executive and Home Mission Board**

Rev. Rolla Smith, Kirksville, Mo. .... 1952  
 Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. .... 1953  
 Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo. .... 1954  
 Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Missouri .... 1955  
 Rev. Albert Brook, Mountain Grove, Mo. .... 1956

**Superannuation Board**

Rev. Roy Alyea, Monett, Mo. .... 1952  
 Vacant ..... 1953  
 Rev. Benj. Scott, 1330 Geyer Ave., St. Louis, Mo. .... 1954  
 Rev. John Long, Patton, Mo. .... 1955  
 Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett, Mo. .... 1956

**Youth Encampment Board**

Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. .... 1952  
 Rev. Rolla Smith, Kirksville, Mo. .... 1953  
 Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo. .... 1954  
 Rev. Harvey Hill, Lemay, Mo. .... 1955  
 Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Willow Springs, Mo. .... 1956

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

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## PROCEEDINGS

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### Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its thirty-eighth annual session at the Missouri State Youth Encampment near Niangua, Missouri, Tuesday night September 11, 1951.

Meeting called to order by Rev. William Reeyes.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Johnnie Vick.

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.

Prayer by Rev. Mark Lewis.

Welcome address by Rev. William Reeves. Response by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys.

Devotional period led by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite. The Scripture lesson, I Cor. 13:1 admonished us to let "love" be preeminent in our activity and fellowship in the Lord.

Prayer by Rev. Charlie Finley.

Solo, "Just Jesus and Me," by Erma Lee Hogan. Duet by Erma Lee Hogan and Norma Jean Kennedy Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Harvey Hill of St. Louis, Missouri. Isaiah 24 used as Scripture lesson. "Evangelism the Answer to World Crisis," theme of association program was brought out in his message of "The Need of Today's World."

A period of Christian fellowship handshake closed this service.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Long.

### Wednesday Morning

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. F. C. Zimm. Prayer by Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys.

Devotional period led by Rev. Mrs. June Truitt. Jer. 18:1-10, Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Albert Brook. Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, took charge.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the Mission, Northwest Missouri, Northeast Kansas and North-sion, Northwest Missouri, Northeast Missouri, Liberty, Niangua, Central Western Missouri, Indian Creek, South-east Missouri and Laclede County Associations.

Prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.; Assistant Moderator, Rev. Benjamin Scott, 1330 Geyer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.

Motion carried that the clerk be given the privilege of selecting an Assistant Clerk.

By-laws read by Clerk-Treasurer.

Moderator granted power to appoint a Committee on Committees to work with him. The moderator appointed the following: Rev's. Harry Beatty, Rolla Smith, Johnnie Postlewaite, Roy Jones and Dea. John Bough.

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

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

Benediction by Rev. Willard Day.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Motion carried to accept report of Committee on Committees.

### Wednesday Night

Congregational singing.

Devotional period led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Scripture lesson, I John 1:1-7. Prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Special music by the preacher's quartet, "Shelter from the Storm," and "I'm Free Again." Trio, "Saviour, Let Me Walk by Thee," by St. Louis girls. Solo, "The Great Judgement Morning," by Ramona Bough.

Congregational singing.

Message delivered by Rev. John Rogers, Fredericktown, Mo. Scripture lesson was I John 5:1-6. Text, "And

this is the victory that overcometh the world," I John 5:4. Spiritual food and blessing prevailed throughout the powerful manifestation of God's presence as a message of victory was given which admonished Christians to live consecrated pure lives.

Benediction by Rev. Harry Beatty.

### **Thursday Morning**

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. William Buster. Devotional led by the moderator. Scripture lesson, Philipians 2:1-11. Prayer by Rev. Jim Miller.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive Cave Springs Association letter and seat the delegates.

Futher registration of ministers, visitors, minister's companions, delegates and associational clerks.

Motion carried to accept the report of the State Executive and Missions Board, along with the Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried that Moderator appoint a Location Committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Nominating Committee.

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

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

Moderator appointed following on the Locating Committee: Harry Beatty, Cecil Campbell and Fred Wynn.

The moderator led the congregation in a testimony meeting. Congregational singing.

Motion carried to receive letter from Harmony Association and seat delegates.

Motion carried to receive report of Youth Encampment Board.

Report of our F. W. B. Bible College was given by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager, Nashville, Tennessee.

Benediction by Bro. Vestal.

### **Eleven O'Clock Service**

Congregational singing. Scripture lesson, Phil. 3:1-3, by Rev. Ben Scott. Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews

Special music: Solo by Oleta Franklin; Duet, "The

Beautiful Prayer," by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill; Solo, "The Love of God," Marie Hyatt.

Message by Rev. Willard Day, Mountain Grove, Mo. Scripture, Mark 10:45-52; Subject, "The Need of the Hour." An inspiring message challenged F. W. B.'s to the need of the hour—a revival that will bring in individual hearts.

Christian fellowship handshake period.

Benediction by Rev. Winford Davis.

### Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing. Prayer by C. B. Dees. Devotional period led by Rev. John Long; Scripture lesson, Matt. 25:1-14.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Motion carried to receive report of Missouri State League Convention.

Motion carried that this body select the place for the 1952 session of Missouri State Association by vote from the floor. The Southeast Missouri Association was selected as place for the 1952 Missouri State Association.

Rev. Willard Day elected to deliver the introductory message at the 1952 session with Rev. Benjamin Scott as alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of Temperance Committee.

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

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

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

Motion carried to amend Item No. 3 to include newspaper advertisement.

Motion carried to receive report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of State Treasurer, Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

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

Motion carried to give moderator right to appoint Nominating Committee for Sunday School and League Board members. The following were appointed: Alta

Mikel, Eunice Edwards, and Evelyn Alyea.

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Business Committee. In order to comply with Item No. 4, the following committee was appointed: Rev. James F. Miller, Rev. Mark Lewis, and Rev. Harry Beatty.

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 adopt Item No. 3 of Education Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to adopt report of Nominating Committee for S. S. and League Board members.

Motion carried to receive report of State Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner; also, grant him an honorarium of \$10.00. Rev. Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to suspend business until 8:30 a.m. Friday morning.

Benediction by Rev. Harvey Hill.

### Thursday Night

Pictures of Youth Encampment and the Gem Office were shown by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Congregational singing.

Rev. Harvey Hill presented the needs of the Missouri State Youth Encampment.

Special music: "Hide Me Rock of Ages," St. Louis Preacher's Quartet; Reading, "The Withered Hand," Freda Mae Sell; Solo, "O What A Savior," Wanda Edwards; Quartet, "I Love My Saviour," McElhinney girls.

A missionary offering of \$132.55 was given.

Prayer by Rev. Willard Day.

Message by Rev. Henry Melvin, Business Manager of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee. The subject of his message was, "The Judgment." The fact

of the judgment was vividly portrayed leaving the question, "What will you do with Jesus?" as a challenge to both saved and unsaved. Two precious souls were converted at the close of a soul-stirring message.

Facts and needs of the F.W.B. Bible College were presented by Bro. Melvin.

Benediction by Rev. Bob Hill.

### Friday Morning

Congregation was called to order by the Moderator.

Congregational singing. Devotional period led by Rev. Linuel Cravens. Scripture lesson, I Sam. 15:3, 19-23, brought forth the fact that God asks implicit obedience.

Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

The Moderator appointed the following as a location committee for a Christian's Workers Institute: Rev's. J. F. Miller, Willard Day, and Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Motion carried to adopt report of Publication Committee.

Motion carried to table report of State Superannuation Board.

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys elected for five (5) year term and Rev. John Long for four (4) year term as members of State Superannuation Board.

Motion carried that the moderator appoint a chairman pro-tem for the Superannuation Board. Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys was appointed.

Motion carried to receive report of Missions Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to adopt the following: "30% of the amount sent to the State Home Mission Board to be sent on to the National Home Mission Board."

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

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

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

Rev. Rolla Smith was elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Laverne Miley as Executive Board member.

Rev. Albert Brook was elected for a five (5) year term as Executive Board member.



Rev. Harry Beatty appointed as chairman pro-tem of State Executive Board.

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

A period of congregational singing.

Motion carried to receive final report of Business Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried that the State Board of Superannuation be directed to send \$200.00 to the National Board of of Superannuation.

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

Motion carried that the State Home Mission Board use Home Mission Funds for Church Extension as the Holy Spirit so leads.

Motion carried to approve minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1952 session of the Missouri State Association to meet with a church to be designated later in Southeast Missouri.

Benediction by Rev. O. T. Allred.

### Eleven O'Clock Service

Congregational singing. An offering of \$53.23 was given for State Entertainment.

Message by Rev. William Buster, Thebes, Illinois. Scripture lesson, Mark 14:1-9 was used with the text, "She hath done what she could," for the message. F. W. B.'s were admonished to apply the text, "She hath done what she could," in their lives and service for the Master.

Solo, "Try Jesus" by Rev. D. Selph Jones.

Christian fellowship handshake period.

Benediction.

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

Those who served during the session of the Association as song leaders, pianist, and special singers are as follows:

Pianists—Ned Templeton, Ramona Bough, Leah Mae Postlewaite, Georgia Hill, Leona Thompson and Marie Hyatt.

Song Leaders—Rev's. Johnnie Vick, F. C. Zinn, Johnnie Postlewaite, Virgil Greenway and Woodrow Matthews.

Special Singers—Erma Lee Hogan, Norma Jean Kennedy, Johnnie Vick, Bob Hill, Georgia Hill, Wanda Edwards, McElhinney Girls, Ramona Bough, Marie Hyatt, Oleta Franklin, D. Slep Jones.

Reader—Freda Mae Sell.

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## REPORTS

### Youth Encampment Board Report:

I wish to make the following report:

Received in offerings .....	\$1,168.47
Expenditures .....	1,122.85
Balance .....	\$ 45.62

#### Youth Camp Session:

Received by offerings and enrollment .....	\$ 940.94
By State League and S. S. Conventions ..	125.00
Received from Cold Drink Stand .....	171.31
Total receipts .....	1,237.25
Total Expenditures .....	1,089.15
Balance .....	\$148.10
Combined Balance .....	\$193.72
Total Expenditures for Year .....	\$824.97
Combined Balance (from Above) .....	193.72
Balance (in Red) .....	\$631.25

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Treasurer.

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### Treasurer's Report (September 1, 1950 - August 31, 1951)

#### Expansion Program Fund

Total amount received .....	\$291.71
Total amount disbursed .....	291.71

### **Jehoida Chest Fund**

Total amount received .....\$11.00  
Total amount disbursed ..... 11.00

### **Tennessee Orphanage Fund**

Total amount received .....\$81.48  
Total amount disbursed ..... 81.48

### **Youth Camp Fund**

Total amount received .....\$24.00  
Total amount disbursed ..... 24.00

### **Home Mission Fund**

Total amount received .....\$88.92  
Total amount disbursed ..... 88.92

### **Foreign Mission Fund**

Total amount received .....\$6,516.30  
Total amount disbursed ..... 6,516.30

### **Missions Fund**

Total amount received .....\$2,755.07  
    Foreign Missions .....\$1,928.56  
    Home Missions ..... 826.51  
Total amount disbursed ..... 2,755.07

### **State Entertainment Fund**

Total amount received .....  
Total amount disbursed .....

### **State Unified Fund**

Total amount received .....\$2,368.03  
    National Program .....\$1,184.01  
    National Headquarters ..... 59.21  
    Youth Camp ..... 177.60  
    Superannuation ..... 118.40  
    State General Expense ..... 828.81  
Total amount disbursed .....\$2,368.03

### **State General Expense**

Balance brought forward .....\$417.93  
Total amount received ..... 982.95  
Total receipts ..... 1,400.88  
Total amount disbursed ..... 516.84  
Balance in Treasury .....\$ 884.04

### Totals:

Brought forward on all funds .....	\$ 417.93
Total amount recieved on all funds .....	12,136.51
Total receipts .....	12,554.44
Total amount disbursed .....	11,670.40
Balance in Treasury .....	\$ 884.04

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer

### Missions and Executive Board Report:

The Executive Board and the state appointed committee met in joint conference December 8, 1950, 1:00 p. m. at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Flat River, Missouri.

Executive Board members present were Rev's. F. C. Zinn and Harry Beatty, with Rev. Kenneth Turner as proxy for Dea. John Bough. Serving on the special State Committee were Rev's. Mark Lewis, Harvey Hill proxy for Rolla Smith, Benjamin Scott proxy for O. T. Allred. At request of both committees Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys was called into conference as advisory member. Prayer led by Rev. Ben Scott.

The Gem Editor, Lloyd Jeffreys, made a report on the Gem Enterprise and answered questions concerning the Gem. Following the discussion of the present location of the Gem Printing Establishment, Motion carried:

(a) That two men be appointed, delegated with authority to investigate the building possibilities in the Lead Belt.

(b) That Bro. Jeffreys be authorized to investigate cost of moving and disposing of present properties.

(c) If all matters pertaining to the question indicate it advisable, that we, the executive and special committee recommend to State Association that the Gem establishment be moved to the Lead Belt District.

Bro. Lewis and Bro. Zinn were appointed to investigate possibilities in Lead Belt district.

Motion carried that we continue the underwriting of the Gem as approved by the State Association until the proposed plan and investigation is completed.

Motion carried that Bro. Jeffreys and Bro. Turner make a film in black and white colors not to exceed fifteen

minutes of "The Gem in Action" to be used in promotion of the Gem work.

July 31, 1951. By mutal consent the Mission Board loaned \$500.00 without interest to South Side Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis to use in the purchase of a church.

Every request and solicit that came in during the year has been considered and something done for them.

Rev. Laverne Miley sends in a written resignation.

### **Financial Report of Home Mission Board**

September 10, 1950 - September 10, 1951

#### **Receipts:**

Balance forwarded .....	\$1,323.05
Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer .....	915.43
Third F. W. B. Church, St. Louis, .....	76.25
Total receipts .....	\$2,314.73

#### **Expenditures:**

September 18, 1950—Lloyd Johnson for Oak Grove Church purchase near Camp Crowder .....	\$400.00
December 8, 1950—Lloyd Jeffreys, travel .....	25.00
December 8, 1950—Ben Scott, travel exp. ....	7.00
February 6, 1951—F.W.B. Gem, opr. exp. ....	200.00
March 19, 1951—For film made.....	50.00
August 7, 1951—For supplies .....	92.50
July 31, 1951—Southside F.W.B. Church, St. Louis Missouri, Loan .....	500.00
Total Disbursements .....	\$1,274.50
Balance in Treasury in New Era Bank .....	\$1,040.23

Assets: \$500.00 note signed by official board of Southside F.W.B. Church of St. Louis, Missouri.

Rev. Harry Beatty, Secretary-Treasurer

#### **Gem Office Report:**

This is not all the report that I had hoped to be able to give you. We feel thankful that we have been able to continue operation in spite of the serious handicaps. Foremost among these obstacles is the shortage of help, which we are at this time asking this body to assist in making sufficient provision for such labor. A marked indifference on the part of some has also been a decided

handicap. In view of the definite fact that such publications as the Gem are urgently needed in this day of apostasy, we also ask ministers and active leaders to assume the responsibility of placing the matter before the people and keeping it there during the entire year. We solicit any progressive action or idea that this body and its constituents may at any time provide for the advancement of the Kingdom of God through the printed pages of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and earnestly urge you to constantly pray for its welfare and growth.

With humble thanks for every expression and act of kindness we submit this brief report.

#### Receipts:

Sold for resale purposes .....\$ 57.69

Sold out of state ..... 1,193.40

To churches, institutions, etc. .... 1,283.18

#### Gifts—

From friends of the Gem .....\$267.03

From State Treasurer ..... 87.67

From Home Mission Fund ..... 292.50

Total ..... 647.20

Refunds ..... 42.27

Subscriptions ..... 1,022.00

Other miscellaneous sales ..... 631.29

Grand total income from all sources.... \$4,872.03

Total disbursements .....\$5,031.48

Balance for 12-months operation .....(minus)\$ 159.42

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Editor

## COMMITTEES

#### Missions:

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following: We recommend

1. (a) That we continue the plan for the support of Missions on the same basis, 70% Foreign and 30% Home. However, due to great need for Home Missions, we recommend that all churches comply more strictly to this plan.

(b) Due to the increase in our quota for Foreign Missions set by the National Association to \$8,500.00, we urge that the churches strive to again reach our quota.

2. Since the National Home Mission Board has set quota for the State of Missouri for Home Missions at \$1,000.00, we urge each church of the Association to give at least \$10.00 yearly, to be sent through Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Missouri.

3. That we, as a State, comply with the request of the National Foreign Missions Board that all State Directors attend the Missions Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, October 2-4, and that our State pay the traveling expense of the director.

4. That each local Association appoint a key man to work in co-operation with the State Foreign Missions Director in promoting the Foreign Mission work, and that his name and address be sent to the State Director. We recommend that Rev. Mark Lewis be appointed as State Director.

5. Due to the fact that Sister Marie Hanna and husband plan to leave for India as missionaries in March, and as she is from Missouri, we urge that some church or group of churches guarantee to pay her salary.

Committee	{ Harvey E. Hill	Cinda Vandivort
	{ Mildred Gilliam	Opal Jeffreys
	{ Evelyn Alyea	

#### Education:

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

1. That the various churches of the State Association continue their support to the F. W. B. Bible College.

2. We urge each church to sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

3. We recommend that the State Association sponsor a Christian Worker's Institute under the direction of Bro. Dodd.

4. We recommend that a committee be appointed to arrange time and place for the Institute.

5. We recommend that our people who desire to read religious books make application to the F. W. B. Bible College for a list of books in keeping with Free Will Baptist doctrine.

Committee	{ James Miller
	{ Jewell Campbell
	{ Rolla Smith

## Temperance:

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

1. That F. W. B. be dressed at all times as becometh Christians.

2. That we abstain from extravagant buying to help prevent inflation in our country.

3. That we petition our congressmen to ban intoxicating beverage advertisements from the radio, television screen and newspaper.

Committee	{ Eunice Edwards	Willard C. Day
	{ Mrs. Ora Gates	Tony Davis
	{ John Rogers	Henry Long

## Publications:

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

1. We urge every pastor to keep before their people the need of having the Gem paper in their home.

2. That we constantly urge the use of our Free Will Baptist literature in Sunday Schools and Leagues.

3. We recommend that we give Bro. and Sis. Jeffreys a standing vote of thanks for their generous and faithful service.

Committee	{ F. C. Zinn
	{ Harry Beatty
	{ A. W. Brook
	{ John E. Bough

## Obituary:

We, your Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst a number of our members. We ask that we join in silent prayer in memory of our dear brothers and sisters followed with prayer by Sister Eunice Miller.

Committee	{ Lola Long
	{ Alta Mikel
	{ Elsie Heard

**Nominating Committee:** For State Sunday School and State League Board.

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following nominations:

For State Sunday School Board: Rev. Harvey Hill, 3 year term; Rev. Rolla Smith, 2 year term; Rev. Miss Lorene Bowman, 1 year term.



For State League Board: Rev. Benjamin Scott, 3 year term; Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, 2 year term; Lena Marie Reed, 1 year term.

Committee { Mrs. Eunice Edwards  
Mrs. Alta Mikel  
Mrs. Evelyn Alyea

**Location Committee:**

In as much as two invitations have been given for the next session of the association, we recommend that this body by vote decide whether it be, Southeast Missouri, or Northeast Missouri.

Committee { Harry Beatty  
Cecil Campbell  
Fred Wynn

**Nominating Committee:** For National Ass'n. Delegates and Youth Encampment Board Member.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following as delegates to the National Association: Vernon Adey, John Filkins, J. K. Stephens, Julia Hill, Georgia Hill, Christine Dees, Georgia McDaniel, Eunice Miller, Jewell Campbell, Thora Arbogast, Jeanne Barton, Hazel Scott, Sister Day, Lucille Beatty, Thelma Lewis and Pat Phillips.

We recommend Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite as a member of the Youth Encampment Board.

Committee { Rev. Woodrow Matthews  
J. K. Stephens  
Rev. Melba White

**Committee on Committees:**

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

Business Committee—Rev's. Mark Lewis, Bill Hill, Homer Smith, Kenneth Turner and Dea. Ross Thomas.

Pulpit Committee—Rev. Bill Reeves, Floyd Peterson, Joe Cockrell, Charles Franklin and Lowell Ragsdale.

Obituary Committee—Mrs. Henry Long, Alta Mikel and Lucy Pendergraft.

Missions Committee—Rev. Harvey Hill, Evelyn Alyea, Ginda Vandivort, Mildred Gilliam and Opal Jeffreys.

Publications Committee—Rev's. F. C. Zinn, Harry Beatty, Albert Brook, Roy Jones, Dea. John Bough and Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, advisory member.

Education Committee—Rev's. James F. Miller, Rolla Smith and Jewell Campbell.

Temperance Committee—Eunice Edwards, Clo Gates, Henry Long, Willard Day and John Rogers.

Nominating Committee—Woodrow Matthews, J. K. Stephens, Ancil Alexander, Melba White and Alta Jefferson.

Special Music Committee—Johnnie Postlewaite, Bob Hill and Lucille Beatty.

Committee	{	O. T. Allred, Mod.	Roy Jones
		Harry Beatty	John Bough
		Rolla Smith	Johnnie Poselewaite

### Business:

We, your Business Committee, report the following:

1. We recommend that this body grant the following request of the Sunday School and League Convention—We, the State Sunday School and League Convention do hereby while in joint session petition the State Association as the parent organization to elect boards, one for the Sunday School Convention and one for the League Convention to succeed the present organization in each State Convention. Said board to have full authority in all business matters and to be responsible for the programs in the annual meetings. Further, that boards be authorized to operate the conferences similar to the national bodies, it being understood that local conventions shall operate at their discretion.

2. We recommend that this body go on record as favoring a Nationally owned, operated, and controlled Publishing House.

3. We recommend that the local churches establish signs in advantageous places showing location of local Free Will Baptist churches.

4. We recommend that this body appoint a committee to examine correspondence course materials of Rev. Willard Day and report findings to executive board for approval or disapproval.

5. We recommend that the Gem Office be continued another year under the following plan:

(a) Price of subscription be raised to \$1.50 per year effective November 1, 1951.

(b) That it continue to be underwritten with the Home Mission Fund.

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI

	Indian Creek	Southeast Missouri	Northeast Missouri	Cave Springs	Lace Court	Harmony	N
No. churches July 1, 1950	10	16	11	21	1	6	
No. churches reporting	10	16	8	21	1	5	
No. churches w/out pastor			4			1	
Membership July 1, 1950	726	1,562	317	1,343	1	420	
New churches received		1		1		2	
Members received	117	194	44	37		2	
No. baptized	34	120	16	31		36	
No. dismissed by letter	28	28	15	19		1	
No. excluded	4	3		2			
No. deceased	15	11	4	11		1	
Resident members	586	1,518	268	1,134		299	
Non-resident members	257	324	81	372		121	
No. churches July 1, 1951	10	17	11	22		6	
Total m'ship July 1, 1951	843	1,832	346	1,413		266	
No. tithers	107	261	35	11			
No. prayer meetings	10	16	7	6		6	
No. Leagues	5	10	2	2		1	
League membership	115	648	48	70		30	
No. Auxiliaries	3	8	3				
Auxiliary membership	53	134	51				
No. Sunday Schools	10	17	8	20		6	
Total S.S. membership	514	1,905	257	814		250	
No. officers	43	84	28	49		40	
No. teachers	59	112	37	86		32	
No. ordained ministers	18	29	7	22		12	
No. licensed ministers	8	13	4	2			
No. ordained deacons	37	58	22	49		24	
Amt. paid pastors	\$ 6,109.00	\$ 25,734.15	\$ 2,154.06	\$ 3,228.10	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$
Amt. for evang. work	1,033.36	2,689.88	1,180.76	295.03	335.00	400.00	
Amt. for building & rep.	1,635.30	11,101.44	364.84	291.76	250.00	500.00	
Amt. for incidentals	981.36	11,327.47	539.47	206.53	540.00	150.00	
Value of church property	27,300.00	155,600.00	10,967.10	12,250.00	21,500.00	15,000.00	
Amt. for foreign missions	1,708.47	4,166.76	700.00	63.07			
Amt. for home missions	329.41	1,080.60	372.30	109.12	20.00		
Amt. for education	240.70	558.74	262.60	173.16	30.00		
Amt. for superannuation		23.75					
Amt. for publication	601.02	2,418.03	307.85	408.70	300.00	300.00	
Amt. for unified fund	403.78	3,175.50	91.86	111.64			
Amt. of budget	76.14	138.00	13.95	53.10		5.00	
Amt. for orphanage	75.00	210.23	66.50	83.13			
Amt. for youth camp			315.68	67.50			

# OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Acade	Harmony	Nor'west Missouri	C.W. Missouri	Niangua	Liberty	Mission		State
1	6	6	7	7	11	16		123
1	5	4	7	5	8	16		110
1	1	1		2				10
78	420	206	583	447	879	1,101		8,379
	2					1		5
	2	1	9	58	108	52		677
	36		19	54	80	19		425
	1	3	13	8	9	28		157
								9
	1	4	7	4	10	14		86
	299	123	269	286	563	809		6,535
	121	91	328	219	316	350		2,579
	6	6	7	7	11	17		126
	266	214	597	505	879	1,159		9,114
		4		8	10	51		502
	6	1	6	5	3	7		76
	1	1	6	1	3	8		39
	30	25	105	15	100	252		1,408
		2	1		1	1		19
		26	12		30	34		340
	6	4	7	5	8	16		110
	250	135	320	195	360	520		6,140
	40	16	46	16	24	40		418
	32	15	32	20	35	60		519
	12	6	11	6	10	22		159
			1	1		4		34
	24	8	30	18	28	54		352
1.45	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 988.88	\$ 2,337.43	\$ 1,255.38	\$ 4,315.48	\$ 6,336.72		\$ 54,909.77
33	400.00	95.00	869.58	475.84	652.60	1,587.24		9,614.31
253	500.00	138.80	886.69	432.60	1,346.18	5,970.73		22,921.14
540	150.00	154.87	605.12	174.28	716.43	745.70		16,147.23
21,501	15,000.00	11,100.00	16,700.00	6,800.00	16,000.00	47,000.00		340,217.10
73		212.91	1,004.94	140.00	575.95	860.58		9,480.68
23		20.25	168.59	71.50	206.02	240.42		2,623.21
3		23.00	20.00		84.87	94.00		1,487.07
		1.25						25.00
30	300.00	80.40	294.30	121.08	313.71	603.26		5,748.35
			61.98			38.86		3,883.62
	5.00		12.00	45.00	38.50	74.50		456.19
3						38.86		508.72
			12.00					395.18

(c) That an endowment check plan be offered to our people by the Editor and Executive Board.

(d) That the Executive Board be directed to work with the Editor in securing machinery, obtaining suitable help and advantageous location.

7. We recommend that this body extend to the officers, to the Youth Camp Board and to the local association a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality and untiring efforts in entertaining this association.

8. We recommend that the State Superannuation be divided on the following basis: 60% to the National treasure and 40% be retained in the state treasure.

Committee	{	Mark Lewis	Kenneth Turner
		Bill Hill	Homer Smith
		Ross Thomas	

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## ENROLLMENT

### Deacons

J. E. Cockrell, Berl Halliburton, Beulah Mae Adeë, Vernon H. Adeë, M. H. White, W. L. Chandler, R. J. Wisehart, Ross Thomas, Charlie Franklin, A. W. Hartley, Ermel Heffton, J. K. Stephens, O. D. Creeps, Lewis Moddy, Riley Hutsell, Jesse H. Reese, Floyd Peterson, Orville Walton, Elmer Ellington, John E. Bough, Leslie Eaton, A. E. Agee, Addie Smith, John S. Hickman, Lee McElhinney, J. W. King, J. W. Smith, Jimmie Watkins, John Starnes, Elzie Edwards, Joe Rickman, Alfred Bough.

### Minister's Companions

Georgia Hill, Julia Hill, Belva Zinn, Eunice Miller, Verba Smith, Thelma Lewis, Julia Easter, Genell Scott, Leah Mae Postlewaite, Lucille Beatty, Christine Dees, Laura Ford, Agnes Smith, Ova Vestal, Lola Long, Mrs. W. C. Day, Evelyn Alyea, Geneva Barker, Mrs. Myrl York, Mrs. Bessie Hogue, Pansy Jones, Rosalie Atherton, Jewell Campbell, Ollie Butts, Lettie Sturdevant, Vada Reeves.

### Associational Clerks

Mary Wellbaum, Georgia McDaniel, Braxine Evans, Lucy Pendergraft, Evelyn Alyea, Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

## Delegates

Dee York, Ned Templeton, Johnny Vick, Christine Fryman, Evelyn Alyea, Francis Harbison, Leona Thompson, Erma Hogan, Iva Daniels, Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mildred Hilderbrand, Mrs. Melvin Shaffer, Donna Adee, Mary Regh, Ozella Wilson, Norma Kennedy, Gussie Hamblin, Raymond Helsley, Lottie Pinkston, Virgelene Ragsdale, Mabel David, Mrs. Earl Ivey, Hope Eaton, Edna Gentry, Nettie Harrell, Blossom Agee, Mrs. W. H. Wischart, P. H. Cansler, Minnie Jackson, Eileen Butts, Viola Watkins, James A. Cameron, Mrs. C. A. Heard, Lowell Ragsdale, Melvin Shaffer, Mrs. Mary Filkins, Jenny Wright, Emma Bebout, Mrs. Wendell Sevits, Charlie Franklin, Martha Clayton, June Truitt, Margaret Darnell, Willard Darnell, Wanda Filkins, Ramona Bough, Mrs. Adelm Newcomer, Blanche Pogue, Grace Lawson, Frank E. Davis, Lena Johnson, Lola Botkins, Everett Barton, Curtis Pinkston, Sally Davidson, Theo Bough, Mrs. Lucille Sell, Ruth Hickman, Tony Davis, Eula Vick, Sandy Vandivort, Arvella Fultz, Alma McMonigle, Susie Crepps, Ora Clark, Elba Harbison, Mrs. W. E. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pirtle, Ruth Owens, Geraldine Smith, Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Ruby Jones, V. W. Massey, Orville Jones, Wanda Edwards, Ralph Stout, Mrs. Ora Gates.

## Visitors

Florine Sylvia, Dorsey Cardwell, Bunola Cardwell, Myra Hyatt, Madeline McFarland, Joseph Postlewaite, Marsha Pogue, Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Mrs. G. E. Wheatley, Freda Hale, Anna Mae Davis, W. H. Wischart, Mrs. W. H. Wischart, W. D. McFarland, Mrs. C. D. Finley, Lois Davis, Mrs. Jane Schaffer, Mrs. Charlie Franklin, Verna Mae Adee, Julia Gammon, Martha Coffman, Sada Ellington, Reta Moody, Alta Paris, Myrtle Milsap, Wilma Lawson, Mrs. Lois Hightower, Mrs. Casey Findley, Dorothy Milsap, Elva Reese, Freda Robinson, Vera Kelsey, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dennis, Rosa Knotts, Mrs. June King, Mrs. John Patton, Mrs. J. O. Duing, Gordon Beatty, Sandra Sue Lewis, Richard Barker, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marcum, Lewis Eugene Campbell, Judith Lynn Campbell, Peggy McElhinney, Carol McElhinney, Neta McElhinney, Dorothy McElhinney, S. A. Butts, Mrs. Johnny Starnes, G. W. Oxford, Edith Marbut, Mrs. Eukil Henderson, Mrs. Eva Stokes, T. C. Butts, Letha Thomas, Ida Gardner,

Pearl Raymer, Mrs. Walter Barker, J. E. Clemens, Mrs. J. E. Clemens, Wilbia Sell, Georgia Rickman, Ola Bough.

### Visiting Ministers

Rev. Earl Austin, Exeter, California; Rev. Orville Hobbs, Kirksville, Mo.; Rev. Linuel Cravens, Rivermines, Mo.; Box 292; Rev. C. D. Finley, Porterville, California; Rev. J. W. Handy, Houston, Texas; Rev. William Buster, Thebes, Illinois; Rev. Henry Melvin, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

### Ministers

Rev. Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay; Rev. Bob Hill, 8912 Springdale, Berkley City; Rev. A. J. Kelsey, Hartville; Rev. Mark Lewis, 601 Buckley, Flat River; Rev. William Hill, Myrtle; Rev. F. C. Zinn, 306 Cedar, Flat River; Rev. James F. Miller, Route 3, Farmington; Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett; Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, Monett; Rev. Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas; Rev. Homer Smith, Mountain Grove; Rev. J. B. Easton, Sullivan; Rev. A. W. Brook, Mountain Grove; Rev. Benjamin Scott, 1330 Geyer, St. Louis; Rev. John Rogers, Fredericktown; Rev. W. F. Millard, 253 Van Buren, Lebanon; Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Mine La Motte; Rev. Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop; Rev. Mrs. June Truitt, La Plata, (licensed); Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite, Roby; Rev. Miss Melba White, Plattsburg; Rev. Harry Beatty, 103 W. Murta, Fredericktown; Rev. C. B. Dees, 505 Low, Flat River; Rev. John Long, Patton; Rev. Winford Davis, Monett; Rev. Mrs. Marie Hyatt, Centerview; Rev. Mildred Gilliam, Greentop; Rev. A. E. Ford, Lebanon; Rev. Robert L. Nutting, Iantha; Rev. Harold Helsley, Mansfield; Rev. Ezra Vestal, Grovespring; Rev. John Mace, Route 11, Box 575, Springfield; Rev. Willard C. Day, Mountain Grove; Rev. Mrs. Venita Broyles, Grovespring; Rev. Henry Long, 1501 W. High, Springfield; Rev. Kenneth Titner, Monett; Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Destoge; Rev. Rolla Smith, Kirksville; Rev. James Barker, Route 2, Farmington; Rev. A. A. Hogue, Cabool; Rev. Orville Dobbs, Kirksville; Rev. Jesse K. Mace, Grovespring; Rev. Dale Jones, 818 S. Jefferson, Lebanon; Rev. B. F. Brown, Route 1, Cassville; Rev. D. Selph Jones, Aldrich; Rev. Virgil Greenway, Wentworth; Rev. Cecil Campbell, Monett; Rev. G. E. Hutsell, Mountain Grove;

Rev. W. L. Atherton, Huggins; Rev. Fred Wynn, Mountain Grove; Rev. Leonard Keys, Mansfield; Rev. E. E. Butts, Climax Springs; Rev. John W. Silvey, Ava; Rev. Mary Wester, Route 3, Marshfield; Rev. Columbus Marbut, Monett; Rev. G. W. Sturdevant, Buffalo; Rev. William Reeves, Niangua.

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## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Youth Camp near Niangua, Missouri, September 12, 1951. The clerk, Evelyn Alyea, called the president, Agnes Smith, to the chair.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Cravens.

Devotional thought, "Beauty for Ashes," was given by Eunice Edwards. The president declared all auxiliary members as delegates. The president appointed the following committees: Appreciation—Cinda Vandivort, Ozella Wilson and Mildred Gilliam. Obituary—Alta Mikel, Mrs. Willard Day and Mrs. Henry Long. Business—Evelyn Alyea, Lucille Sell and Maisie Sevits. Nominating—Opal Jeffreys, Erma Lee Hogan and Thelma Lewis.

Welcome address by Lucille Sell. Response by Opal Jeffreys. Solo by Ramona Bough.

Message by Rev. Mark Lewis, Luke 12:42.

Benediction.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Congregation singing led by Agnes Smith. Prayer by Rev. Alta Mikel. Devotional by Rev. Marie Hyatt.

The combined report of the officer's activities were read at this time.

Report of the Woman's Editor was given by Rev. Eunice Edwards.

Motion carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

Motion carried to accept the Obituary Committee's report. Ramona Bough sang "Precious Memories" in remembrance of our deceased members.

Motion carried to receive the Business Committee's report and discuss it item by item.



Motion carried to adopt item No. 1. Motion carried to adopt item No. 2. Motion carried to adopt item No. 3. Motion carried to adopt item No. 4. Motion carried to adopt item No. 5. Motion carried to adopt item No. 6. Motion carried to adopt item No. 7. Offering \$33.28.

The following officers were elected: President, Agnes Smith, Kirksville; First Vice, Eunice Edwards, Desloge; Second Vice, Lucille Beatty, Fredericktown; Third Vice, Jewell Campbell, Monett; Fourth Vice, Burnice Davis, Monett; Fifth Vice, Georgia Hill, Berkley City; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea, Monett.

Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards was re-elected Woman's Editor.

The following delegates were elected to attend the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Day, Lucille Beatty, Georgia Hill, Eunice Miller, Christine Dees, Opal Jeffreys, Marie Hyatt, Mary Haliburton, Julia Hill, and Evelyn Alyea.

Motion carried to give \$10.00 to the Bible College, \$10.00 to Missions, \$10.00 to the President and \$10.00 to the Clerk.

Motion carried to accept the minutes.

Motion carried to make up the \$3.10 deficit of the Woman's National Convention dues.

Benediction by Mrs. Mildred Gilliam.

Announcements

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Nominating:

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report: President, Agnes Smith; First Vice President, Eunice Edwards; Second Vice President, Lucille Beatty; Third Vice President, Jewell Campbell; Fourth Vice President, Burnice Davis; Fifth Vice President, Georgia Hill; Secretary-Treasurer, Evelyn Alyea.

Committee { Opal Jeffreys  
Erma Lee Hogan  
Thelma Lewis

### Business:

We, the Business Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that we pay \$6.50 to the Gem for the printing of the programs.
2. We recommend that we reimburse Eunice Edwards

\$2.71 which she paid to the W. N. A. C. in dues from Missouri.

3. We recommend that we instruct our women to pay the correct amount of dues which is 30¢ per member.

4. We recommend that reports be sent in from January to January to coincide with the National.

5. We recommend that each auxiliary adopt the Co-laborer plan of support.

6. We recommend that we continue with the two-page report in the Gem for our Woman's work and that we continue with the same financial plan as past year.

7. We recommend that an offering be taken today to help defray the expenses of our convention.

Committee { Lucille Beatty  
Mrs. Wendell Sevits  
Eunice Edwards

### Appreciation:

We, the Appreciation Committ, wish to express our gratitude to the president, secretary and all other officers of the Woman's Auxiliary for their wonderful work the past year.

We also wish to express our appreciation to the Youth Camp, the Liberty Association and all others who helped for their excellent entertainment and kindness during this session of the State Association.

Committee { Ozella Wilson  
Mildred Gilliam  
Christine Fryman

### Obituary:

We, the Obituary Committee, report the death of one member, Mrs. Ira Wayman. We request that Ramona Bough sing "Precious Memories" in remembrance of Sister Wayman.

Committee { Mrs. Day  
Mrs. Long  
Mrs. Mikel

### Woman's Editor Report:

#### Articles written:

One program for 1950-51 Year Book

One program for 1951-52 Year Book

One program for Go-Tell Program Book

Money recieved ..... \$64.00

Expenses ..... 27.49

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, 1st. V. P.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Balance from last year .....	\$14.23
Dues from Southeast Missouri .....	20.96
Dues from Northeast Missouri .....	7.40
Dues from Indian Creek .....	9.40
Offering .....	\$85.27

#### **Amt. paid out:**

Missions .....	\$10.00
Bible College .....	10.00
President, Mrs. Smith .....	10.00
Eunice Edwards .....	2.71
Secretary, Mrs. Alyea .....	10.00
Gem Office .....	6.50
Printing of minutes .....	10.00
W. N. A. C. dues .....	21.90

Total amount paid out ..... \$81.11

Balance from offering ..... 4.16

Amount in Declamation Fund ..... 10.00

Evelyn Alyea, Secretary-Treasurer

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## **LEAGUE PROCEEDINGS**

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The Missouri Free Will Baptist League Convention was called to order by the president, Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Session was opened by singing led by Mrs. Agnes Smith and prayer by Thora Arbogast.

Devotional service given by Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite.

Reports were read and delegates seated from the following: Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist League, Central Western Missouri League Convention, Mission Association League Convention and Niangua Free Will Baptist League.

Motion carried that all members present from different leagues be seated as delegates.

#### **Election of officers:**

The following were elected. President, Rev. Benjamin Scott; Vice President, Rev. Johnnie Postlewaite; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lena Marie Reed.

Motion carried that the secretary-treasurer choose her assistant which was Rev. Mrs. Lowell Martin.

Business Committee was then appointed which was the same as for the Sunday School Convention. The following were appointed: Rev. Mark Lewis, Rev. O. T. Allred, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Mrs. Alice Dickey, and Miss Thora Arbogast.

Congregation singing led by Bro. Dobkins.

Oral reports from various newly organized leagues were accepted.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill.

Topic, "Temptation of Youth in the Atomic Age," was given by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Topic, "Helping Youth meet the Problems of the Atomic Age," was given by Sis. Cinda Vandivort.

Motion carried that \$37.50 be taken from the treasury for expenses of the League Convention.

Motion carried that the report of the Business Committee be adopted.

#### **Business Committee's Report:**

To Missouri State Association: We, the Missouri State Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League Conventions, do hereby, while in joint session petition the Association as the parent organization to elect boards, one for Sunday School and one for the Free Will Baptist League to succeed the present organization in each State Convention. Said boards to have full authority in all business matters, and to be responsible for the programs in the annual meetings.

Further, that both boards be authorized to operate the conference similar to the National Bodies. It being understood that the local conventions shall operate at their discretion.

At this time the State Sunday School Convention took charge. The League Convention was adjourned.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance carried forward .....	\$34.16
Indian Creek League Conv. ....	\$ 4.00
Central Western Mo. League Conv. ....	5.00
Mt. Zion F. W. B. League .....	1.00
Niangua F. W. B. League .....	1.00
Mission Assoc. League Conv. ....	5.00
Total in treasury .....	\$50.16
Paid out for expenses .....	37.50
Balance in treasury .....	\$12.66

Lena Marie Reed, Secretary-Treasurer

# SUNDAY SCHOOL PROCEEDINGS

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The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met at the Youth Camp on June 18, 1951. The president called house to order at 8:00 p. m.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill. Prayers led by Bro. Floyd Hesslemeyer and Sis. Thelma Lewis. Devotional led by Rev. Harry Beatty using Psalms 150. Message by Rev. Mark Lewis. Subject, "Youth in the Atomic Age." Scripture II Tim. 3:1-5. Prayer by Rev. John Rogers.

## 9:30 A. M.

House called to order by president. Congregational singing led by Bro. Dobkins. Prayers by Bro. Floyd Hesslemeyer and Rev. Lowell Martin. Motion carried that all Sunday School workers be seated as delegates. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice President, Lorene Bowman; Secretary-Treasurer, Rolla Smith; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ruth Wisheart. Committees were appointed as follows: Promotional—Wm. Reeves, Bob Hill, Lorene Bowman, Lowell Martin, and Johnnie Postlewaite; Business—Mark Lewis, Alice Dickey, Thora Arbogast, O. T. Allred, and Harry Beatty.

## 10:00 A. M.

Fellowship hour led by Rev. Benjamin Scott. Prayer by Bro. Bill Crewse. Song by Marie Smith. Song by Ben Scott, Agnes Smith and Leah Mae Postlewaite. Piano solo by Finis Bass. Solo by Mary Ruth Wisheart. Solo by Laverne David. Testimonies. Oral report of promotional secretary accepted as information. Open forum led by William Reeves.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Business:** (Approved by vote item by item.)

1. For as long as this convention meets at Youth Camp, we recommend that all who attend the convention come under supervision of Youth Camp officials and comply with all rules.

2. We recommend that Sis. Lucy Wisheart and Bro. Sterling Tucker represent Missouri in the National Sunday School Convention and that they make a written report to State Convention Secretary.

3. We recommend that Bro. Lewis give this body information concerning the National Sunday School Convention set-up and that this body take under advisement a similar procedure for our State Convention.

A committee was appointed and formed the following report which was accepted by the convention: We, the State Sunday School and League Conventions do hereby while in joint session petition Missouri State Association as the parent organization to elect boards, one for the Sunday School Convention and one for the League Convention to succeed the present organization in each State Convention. Said boards to have full authority in all business matters, and to be responsible for programs in the annual meetings. Further, that both boards be authorized to operate the conferences similar to the national bodies, it being understood that local conventions shall operate at their discretion.

Topic, "Christ, the Answer to Every Need of the Age" by Mary Ruth Wisheart. Short talk by Bro. Allred in behalf of Gem paper. Prayer by Johnny Postlewaite. Motion carried that Sunday School Convention give \$37.50 to Youth Camp for entertainment. Motion to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Harold Smith.

#### Financial Statement:

Balance brought forward .....	\$72.27	
Received from Triumphant S. S. Conv. ....	10.00	
Received from Liberty S. S. Conv. ....	5.00	
Received from Madison Co. S. S. Conv. ....	9.00	
Received from Northeast S. S. Conv. ....	25.10	
Total .....		\$121.37
Paid to Y. C. for entertainment .....	\$37.50	
Paid to Gem Office for programs .....	8.69	
Total .....		\$ 46.19
Balance in Bank of Kirksville .....		75.18

Rev. Rolla Smith, Sec'y.-Treas.

## 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.

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### 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 speak no 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 (\$35.00) dollars 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, Perserver, 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 Savior 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 requires. Ps. 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, suffering, 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. 25:46.

## 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.