

MINUTES
Of The
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
FREDERICKTOWN F.W.B. CHURCH
Fredericktown, Missouri
Beginning on Tuesday night, September 16, 1952

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. Paul Williams, Carterville, Mo.1953
Rev. Harry Beatty, Fredericktown, Mo.1954
Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.1955
Rev. Albert Brook, Mountain Grove, Mo.1956
Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.1957

Superannuation Board

Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, Monett, Mo.1953
Rev. Benjamin Scott, St. Louis, Mo.1954
Rev. John Long, Patton, Mo.1955
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.1956
Rev. James Barker, Flat River, Mo.1957

Youth Encampment Board

Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.1953
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo.1954
Rev. Harvey Hill, Lemay, Mo.1955
Rev. Robert C. Hill, Berkeley, Mo.1956
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.1957

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Northeast Missouri Association, the place to be designated later, beginning on Tuesday night following the Second Sunday in September, 1953. (September 15)

The Introductory Sermon on Tuesday night will be delivered by Rev. William Hill; Rev. Benjamin Scott, alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its 39th annual session with the Fredericktown Free Will Baptist Church in Fredericktown, Missouri, Tuesday night September 16, 1952.

Meeting called to order by Rev. Harvey Hill. Congregational singing led by Rev. S. A. Hand. Prayer by Rev. Henry Long.

Quartet numbers, "I Can Tell You the Time" and "I'll Meet You By the River," by Rogers Quartet. Trio number by Southside Girls.

Our Association was called to order for business by the clerk, Rev. Marie Hyatt.

Welcome by the host pastor, Rev. Harry Beatty.

The moderator's message was given by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Willard Day of Mountain Grove, Mo. Matthew 10:5-8 was used as Scripture lesson. "Getting and Giving" subject of the message admonished F.W.B.'s to freely give of our love for Him unto others which is freely received from the hand of God.

Benediction by Rev. Paul Williams.

Wednesday Morning

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Paul Williams. Devotional period led by Rev. Benjamin Scott. Scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

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

Rev. Fred J. Statler, chairman of Fredericktown Ministers Fellowship, gave our association a message of greeting.

Letters were read and delegates seated from the Cave Springs, N.E. Missouri, Mission, Central Western Missouri, Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas, Southeast Missouri, Niangua, Indian Creek, and Liberty Associations.

Rev. Damon. C. Dodd, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, invited to seat of council in our session.

Prayer in the altar led by Rev. Willard Day.

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

By-Laws read by the Assistant Moderator.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given the power to appoint a Committee on Committees to work with him. The following were appointed as the above committee: Woodrow Matthews, Foster Hutsell, J. W. King, Alta Mikel, Mrs. Henry Long, Paul Williams and 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. Cecil Campbell.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Motion carried to accept report of Committee on Committees.

Wednesday Afternoon

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

Praise in song. Testimonial service led by Rev. James F. Miller.

Partial report of Pulpit Committee was given.

Benediction by Rev. William Buster.

Wednesday Night

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill.

Prayer by Rev. Billie Rogers.

Special music given by the Moyer children, Mrs. Helen McGraw, Fredericktown Trio, and Fellowship Quartet.

Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Rev. O. T. Allred, Moderator, introduced the speaker of the service, Dr. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Matthew 12:42, "A greater than Solomon is here" was used as text of a powerful message which stirred hearts as we saw Christ as our Wonderful Lord in His Greatness.

An offering in the amount of \$166.50 was given to be allocated thus: 50% or \$83.25 to the F.W.B. College, 25% or \$41.62 to Missouri State Youth Encampment, and 25% or \$41.63 to Missions.

A religious drama, "Rock of Ages" was presented by Southeast Missouri Auxiliary Convention.

Benediction by Rev. S. A. Hand.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Paul Williams. Devotional period led by Rev. Leslie Logsdon. Psalm 1 used as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Bro. Logsdon.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Motion carried to receive Laclede County and Harmony Association letters and seat the delegates.

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

Motion carried to receive report and recognize the request of the Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to recognize the letter of greeting from Missouri students in our Free Will Baptist Bible College and instruct our clerk to send a letter of appreciation to them.

Motion carried to adopt report of Education Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Office.

Motion carried that we accept the invitation of Northeast Missouri to meet with them for the 1953 session of the Missouri State Association.

Rev. William Hill elected to deliver the introductory message at the 1953 session with Rev. Benjamin Scott as alternate.

Motion carried to receive report of the Nominating Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of the Nominating Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of the Nominating Committee.

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

Rev. Rolla Smith elected for a five (5) year term as Executive Board member.

The request of the State Statistician, Rev. Kenneth Turner, to give him a period for further preparation on the 1952 report to be submitted to the State Executive Board for their approval and on to the clerk for print in the State Minutes was granted.

Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

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

Motion carried to accept the report and financial record of the State Superannuation Board. Rev. Cecil Campbell elected for a one year term and Rev. James Barker for a five year term as members of the State Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to receive report of Missions Committee.

Benediction by Rev. James Barker.

Thursday Eleven O'Clock

Congregational singing. Prayer by Harold Baldwin.

Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill. Quartet number was also given.

Prayer request for the sick led by Rev. Mrs. Edwards.

Message by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Executive Secretary of National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee. Scripture, Matthew 16:15-20, "And the judgments of hell shall not impede the church" was used as the text. A powerful encouraging message pictured the Churches place in the Kingdom of God with its majesty and glory.

A Christian fellowship handshake followed the message.

Benediction by Rev. Jerry Thompson.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. DeWitt. Scripture, Psalm 37:1-8.

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

Rev. Willard Day explained our Home Mission program.

Motion carried to refer Item No. 2 of Missions Committee back to its proper committee.

Motion carried to refer Item No. 3 of Missions Committee back to its proper committee.

Motion carried to accept report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of the Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to receive report of the Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Youth Camp Committee. (\$1,015.00 in pledges and cash was given for Youth Camp.)

Motion carried to refer Item No. 3 of Youth Camp back to its committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of the Publications and Business Joint Committee report.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of the Publication and Business Joint Committee report.

Motion carried to receive partial report of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1 of Business Committee. Rev's. Bob Hill, Eunice Edwards and Willard Day elected as an auditing committee.

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.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Business Committee with amendment that the money be taken from the State General Expense Fund.

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

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

Benediction by Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Thursday Night

Congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Davie Combs.

Special music by the Preachers Quartet, Miss Frances, Copper Mines Quartet, Miss Thomas, Gospelton Quartet, Fellowship Quartet, Lois Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Killian.

Prayer by Rev. Marie Hyatt.

Message by Rev. Wm. Buster, evangelist from State of Illinois. Scripture, Hebrews 2:1-10; text, "But we see Jesus." A portrait of Christ in His power was brought to hearts. Two souls were saved at the close of the message.

Benediction by Rev. John Long.

Friday Morning

Congregation was called together by Assistant Moderator, Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Congregational singing. Devotional period led by Rev. Ben Scott. Scripture lesson, Psalm 118. Prayer led by devotional leader.

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

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

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

Motion carried to accept report of Youth Camp Board.

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

Congregational singing. Testimonial service.

Motion carried to receive further report 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 adopt Item No. 10 of Business Committee.

Prayer led by Bro. Allred.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 11 of Business Committee. (Deleted by action on Item No. 12 of the same committee. See report.)

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Benediction by Rev. John Rogers.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Congregational singing. Prayer request for sick led by Wendell Holman.

Prayer by Rev. Ollie Latch, visiting minister from General Baptists.

Special music by McElhinney girls.

Message by Rev. James F. Miller, Farmington, Missouri. Scripture, John 3. An inspirational message of love was given.

Motion carried to adopt further report as a whole of Business Committee.

Motion carried that \$200.00 from State Entertainment Fund be given to Missouri State Cooperative Fund.

Motion carried that a standing vote of thanks be given to officers and committees of the Missouri State Association.

Motion carried to approve minutes as read.

Motion carried to adjourn with a fellowship handshake until the 1953 session of the Missouri State Association to meet Tuesday night following the Second Sunday in September with a church to be designated later in Northeast Missouri.

Benediction.

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

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

Pianists—Ned Templeton, Marie Hyatt, Georgia Hill, Juanita Bureham and Leona Thompson.

Song leaders—Rev's. S. A. Hand, Paul Williams, Bob Hill and Damon Dodd.

Special singers—Lindell Rogers, Lloyd Dearborn, Glen Rogers, Gene Rogers, Norma Kennedy, Pat Phillips, Doris Kellerman, Carolyn Jane, Linda Joy, Alta Mae and Charles Moyer, Jr., Helen McGraw, Fredericktown Trio, Gospel-ton Quartet, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Killian, Fellowship Quartet, Copper Mines Quartet, Rev. and Mrs. Bob Hill, Miss Frances, Miss Thomas, Lois Allen, McElhinney Girls, Rev's. Woodrow Matthews, Willard Day and Benjamin Scott.

R E P O R T S

Youth Encampment Board Report:

To the Missouri State Association when it convenes with the Fredericktown Church, September 17-19, 1952:

We wish to report the best year of our Youth Camp work. God, through His people, has smiled upon us making this a prosperous year in His cause.

God did so bless us in the taking care of the State Association, both spiritually and financially, and the response of our people after visiting the camp.

We now have 12 cabins, Northeast Missouri Association and the Fredericktown Church building one each this year.

We are glad to report the best session of all, an enrollment of Vacation Bible School and Camp Session of 137—making a total of all, help, teachers, and sponsors 162 in all that stayed at the camp. By the help of the good neighborhood sleeping accommodations were made possible, but it was a capacity crowd, bringing us face to face with the facts of the needs for another year.

There were 26 unsaved that came to camp, 25 of them were gloriously saved during the session, making a total of 60 souls saved at the camp in six years of our camp work.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary-Treasurer

State Treasurer's Report (Sept. 1, 1951 to Sept. 1, 1952)

State Unified Fund

Amount received	\$2,487.83
National Program	\$1,243.90
State General Expense	870.74
Youth Camp	186.62
Superannuation	124.39
National Headquarters	62.18
Amount disbursed	2,487.83

Missions Fund

Amount received	\$2,749.01
Foreign Missions	\$1,924.32
Home Missions	824.69
Amount disbursed	2,749.01

Foreign Missions Fund

Amount received	\$5,839.04
Amount disbursed	5,839.04

Free Will Baptist College Fund

Amount received	\$255.36
Amount disbursed	255.36

Tennessee Orphanage Fund

Amount received	\$120.82
Amount disbursed	120.82

National Home Missions Fund

Amount received	\$306.05
Amount disbursed	306.05

Superannuation Fund

Amount received	\$788.85
Amount disbursed	200.00

Balance in Superannuation Fund	\$588.85
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Jehoida Chest Fund

Amount received	\$14.00
Amount disbursed	14.00

Missouri State Home Missions Fund

Amount received	\$389.89
Amount disbursed	389.89

Youth Camp Fund

Amount received	\$175.06
Amount disbursed	175.06

Co-Laborer Band Fund

Amount received	\$46.26
Amount disbursed	46.26

State Entertainment Fund

Amount received	\$1,073.23
Amount disbursed	1,073.23

State General Expense

Balance brought forward	\$ 884.04
Amount received	1,023.74
Total receipts	\$1,907.78
Amount disbursed	603.52
Balance on hand	1,304.26

Totals

Balance brought forward	\$ 844.04
Total amount received	15,309.14
Total amount disbursed	14,260.07
Balance on hand*	1,893.11
*State General Expense	\$1,304.26
*Superannuation	588.85

Submitted by Marie Hyatt
Clerk-Treasurer

Report of Missouri State Executive Board:

Board organized as follows: Rev. Harry Beatty, chairman, and John E. Bough, clerk.

On January 7, 1952 the board by correspondence voted to send \$300.00 for support of Gem office.

February 16, 1952—\$98.77 was sent to Rev. Staires for National Home Missions.

May 8, 1952—\$200.00 was granted to new church at Salem, Missouri. The money was sent to Rev. Robert C. Hill.

May 16, 1952—The board found the Gem office in need. \$300.00 was sent to help out there.

June 27, 1952—Board meeting was called for at Youth Camp. Bro. Beatty took charge with all members present. Prayer by Rev. Paul Williams. Business transacted as follows:

Item No. 1. Request from State League and Sunday School boards for time at State meeting. Request granted.

Item No. 2 Request from State Treasurer for new typewriter. Motion carried that treasurer be allowed to rent typewriter until State Association.

Item No. 3 Resignation of Manager of Gem Office. Motion carried that we accept the resignation effective September 30, 1952 and that a copy of same be printed in Gem before State Meeting.

Item No. 4 Motion carried that board members be allowed five cents per mile travel expense for this called meeting.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

June 27, 1952—\$69.82 sent to Rev. Staires, National Home Missions.

August 6, 1952—The board voted by correspondence

to send \$50.00 to Rev. Paul Williams to help buy seats for church at Joplin, Missouri.

September 10, 1952—\$55.16 to Rev. Staires for National Home Missions.

Financial Report of Home Missions Board

Sept. 10, 1951 - Sept. 10, 1952

Receipts:

Balance forwarded	\$1,040.23
Home Missions	\$745.89
Missouri State Home Missions	443.69
Payment of note by St. Louis church	500.00
Total receipts	2,729.81

Expenditures:

January 7—Gem Office	\$300.00
February 16—National Home Missions ...	98.77
May 8—New Church at Salem	200.00
May 16—Gem Office	300.00
June 27—Travel Expenses:	
Rev. Paul Williams	10.00
Rev. Harry Beatty	20.00
Rev. Rolla Smith	25.00
Rev. A. W. Brook	5.00
John E. Bough	8.50
June 27—National Home Missions	69.82
August 6—Joplin Church seats	50.00
September 10—National Home Missions ..	55.16
Total disbursements	1,142.25
Balance in Treasury—September 10, 1952	\$1,587.56

John E. Bough, Sec'y-Treas.

Superannuation Board:

The Superannuation Board submits the following report.

During the setting of the 1951 session of the State Association at the Youth Camp the Superannuation Board met and elected Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys as chairman.

On June 27, 1952 the Board met at the Youth Camp and the following business was transacted. 1. Motion carried to accept the resignation of Rev. F. C. Zinn and fill the vacancy. Rev. Cecil Campbell was elected. 2. Motion carried that Rev. Cecil Campbell act as secretary-treasurer.

Financial Report

Amount brought forward last year	\$619.46
Amt. rec'd. from churches and Unified fund	169.39
Total amount received	788.85

Disbursements:

National Superannuation Treasurer	\$200.00
Amount on hand September 1, 1952	588.85

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, chairman
Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, sec'y-treas.

Gem Office Report:

To the Missouri State Association of F.W.B., Greetings:

I wish to submit the following financial report of the operation of the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Office during the year commencing September 1, 1951 and ending August 30, 1952.

Cash brought forward (minus)	\$ 166.29
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Received:

Sold to churches in Missouri	\$1,119.92
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Sold out of state	1,313.09
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Gifts (from all sources)	849.55
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Refunds (telephone, etc.)	13.36
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Sold for resale purposes	560.67
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Subscriptions to Gem—

Out of state	\$415.90
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Missouri	554.75
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Sold subject to Missouri Sales Tax	723.31
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Total Receipts	5,550.55
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Disbursements:

Salary and labor	\$3,424.50
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Paper and ink	544.90
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Books and supplies	1,019.40
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Utilities	317.01
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Postage	204.54
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Repairs and maintenance	10.00
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Miscellaneous expenses	198.07
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Total Disbursements	5,718.42
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Deficit for the year's operation	—\$167.87
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Deficit existing at start of year	— 166.29
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Deficit at close of operations August 30, 1952	—\$334.16
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I must, at this time, reiterate the action taken earlier in the year when I placed my resignation as manager with the Executive Board. The resignation was accepted at that time to become effective September 30, 1952, or sooner if feasible. This position must be maintained, due largely to health. It is not possible to continue in all the present responsibilities and maintain any reasonable physical comfort. I, therefore, expect this body to name a successor to the office of manager.

I wish at this time to thank each person, who by word or by deed, has made the work at the office possible and pleasant. To be sure there have been trying times. There will continue to be serious conditions to be met and disposed of. I have no doubt but that the Free Will Baptists of Missouri, with the help and encouragement of their brethren from outside of the state, can and will continue and enlarge the ministry of the printed page.

May the Lord direct the deliberations as you consider and plan the future operations of the Free Will Baptist Gen.

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Editor

Sunday School Convention:

Receipts:

Balance from last year	\$ 75.18	
Received with reports	114.92	
Total receipts		190.10

Disbursements:

Harvey Hill for mailing exp.	\$ 2.09	
State Entertainment Fund	50.00	
Youth Camp on Chapel	25.00	
College on Apartment Building	25.00	
Charles Thigpen (speaker)	30.00	
Reford Wilson (speaker)	20.00	
Total disbursements		152.09
Balance on hand	\$ 38.01	

President, R. D. Smith

State League Convention:

Report of Missouri State League Convention, which convened September 15-16, 1952 with the Fredericktown, Missouri Free Will Baptist Church.

Number of Leagues reporting, 19, and one convention. Total enrollment of Leagues reporting, 945. Average attendance of Leagues reporting, 38.

Offerings were as follows: Fellowship, 5.00; Mt. Pisgah, 1.00; Flat River First Church, 10.00; Leadington, 1.00; Myrtle, 1.00; Oak Grove, 2.00; Niangua, 1.00; Copper Mines, 5.00; South Side, 3.00; Desloge, 2.00; Hazel Creek, 3.00; Berkeley City, 2.00; St. Louis Third, 2.00; Mountain Grove, 3.00; Pleasant Grove, 5.00; Macedonia, 5.00; Fredericktown, 5.00; Central Western League Convention, 29.48; Richwoods, 1.00. Total offerings received were \$85.48 added to the balance of \$12.66 in the treasury, the total amount in the treasury is \$98.14.

Disbursements are as follows: Entertainment, 35.00; gift to Bible College Building Fund, 35.00; guest speakers, 20.00.

Total disbursements, 90.00.

Balance in treasury, \$8.14.

The type of program in this convention met with a favorable response by the majority of Leaguers over the state. It is hoped by the League Board that the interest and enthusiasm demonstrated during the convention will be carried back to local Leagues and will produce greater accomplishments in League work during the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. Scott, President

COMMITTEES

Committee on Committees:

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

Business Committee—Rev's. Rolla Smith, Willard Day, Paul Williams, Deacons Joe Cockrell and Harry Filkins.

Publications Committee—Rev's. Harry Beatty, Albert Brook, Lloyd Jeffreys, Bob Hill and Deacon John Bough.

Education Committee—Rev. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Jewell Campbell, Rev. Wayne Parsons and Jeanne Barton.

Missions Committee—Rev's. Cecil Campbell, Harvey Hill, Henry Long, Alta Mikel and Deacon Ross Thomas.

Youth Encampment Committee—Rev's. Wm. Hill, Wm. Reeves; Bernice Lawson, Evelyn Alyea and J. W. King.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE ASSO

	Indian Creek	Southeast Missouri	Northeast Missouri	Cave Springs	Laclede County	Harmony
No. churches July 1, 1951	10	17	11	22	3	8
No. churches reporting ...	11	17	7	23	1	0
No. churches w/out pastor	2		5			1
Membership July 1, 1951	754	1,332	317	1,434	63	393
New churches received ..	1	1		1		
Members received	80	229	10	11	4	0
No. baptized	33	129	16	53	2	7
No. dismissed by letter ...	15	46	6	23	10	4
No. excluded	10	5		2	1	
No. deceased	11	16	3	16	8	4
Resident members	495	1,524	243	1,076	513	311
Non-resident members ...	336	369	94	418	151	83
No. churches July 1, 1952 ..	11	18	11	23	4	3
Total m'ship July 1, 1952	831	1,909	323	1,497	726	394
No. tithers	150	214	12	34	5	
No. prayer meetings	9	17	5	11	3	
No. leagues	5	12	2	2		
League membership	140	550	46	82		
No. auxiliaries	4	7	3			
Auxiliary membership ..	69	133	11			
No. Sunday Schools	11	17	7	22	5	
Sunday School m'ship ...	490	1,707	377	661	426	201
No. officers	51	94	29	34	28	4
No. teachers	56	121	30	86	26	3
No. ordained ministers ...	20	29	6	23	13	1
No. licensed ministers ...	7	14	2	2	3	
No. ordained deacons	38	61	22	56	20	2
Amt. paid pastors	\$ 8,412.55	\$ 30,360.38	\$ 3,057.98	\$ 4,260.62	\$ 4,428.95	\$ 1,720.1
Amt. for evangelism	1,429.99	3,669.54	1,465.89	715.15	607.38	447.0
Amt. for building & repr ..	1,951.39	25,508.23	2,258.23	984.70	204.58	811.0
Amt. for incidentals	1,582.16	8,585.80	778.34	336.79	469.75	65.0
Value of church property ..	30,300.00	219,500.00	19,500.00	12,450.00	23,500.00	20,000.0
Amt. for foreign missions ..	541.88	4,531.86	791.36	58.45	41.72	
Amt. for home missions ...	227.74	1,150.67	827.22	344.70		
Amt. for education	174.39	1,409.81	799.67	70.09	30.00	
Amt. for superannuation ...	40.00	93.95		5.00		
Amt. for publication	495.18	2,427.03	329.38	625.43	267.11	285.
Amount for unified fund ..	456.81	1,783.88	788.18	147.88		
Amt. of budget	46.70		11.30			
Amt. for orphanage	40.80	168.52	54.27		25.00	32.
Amt. for youth camp	145.56	201.38				

STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

	Harmony	Nor'west Missouri	Cent. W. Missouri	Niangua	Liberty	Mission		State
.....8	.....6	.....7	.....6	.....11	.....17	.....	.....	124
.....6	.....2	.....7	.....5	.....7	.....16	.....	.....	110
.....1	.....1	.....1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
387.....395	.....111	.....597	.....472	.....747	.....1,136	.....	.....	8,482
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
42.....6	.....	.....26	.....9	.....43	.....63	.....	.....	519
32.....7	.....	.....7	.....7	.....40	.....39	.....	.....	363
10.....4	.....	.....14	.....5	.....5	.....16	.....	.....	144
.....1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
.....8	.....4	.....	.....10	.....4	.....7	.....11	.....	90
578.....312	.....63	.....279	.....228	.....517	.....805	.....	.....	6,120
51.....83	.....48	.....320	.....190	.....230	.....365	.....	.....	2,604
.....9	.....8	.....6	.....7	.....6	.....11	.....17	.....	127
29.....395	.....111	.....599	.....481	.....747	.....1,129	.....	.....	8,751
27.....4	.....	.....34	.....1	.....10	.....52	.....	.....	538
.....8	.....4	.....	.....6	.....5	.....6	.....7	.....	78
.....	.....	.....6	.....1	.....2	.....2	.....	.....	32
.....	.....	.....117	.....30	.....60	.....311	.....	.....	1,336
.....	.....1	.....	.....	.....3	.....	.....	.....	18
.....	.....13	.....	.....	.....37	.....	.....	.....	263
.....8	.....7	.....2	.....7	.....5	.....6	.....16	.....	108
120.....205	.....46	.....323	.....180	.....360	.....732	.....	.....	5,501
28.....40	.....6	.....27	.....12	.....12	.....47	.....	.....	380
26.....32	.....8	.....34	.....17	.....23	.....68	.....	.....	501
19.....10	.....5	.....11	.....7	.....12	.....22	.....	.....	164
.....2	.....	.....1	.....1	.....2	.....4	.....	.....	35
20.....24	.....6	.....30	.....16	.....27	.....56	.....	.....	356
95 \$ 1,720.12	\$ 149.50	\$ 2,773.85	\$ 1,688.50	\$ 4,831.22	\$ 8,429.85	.....	\$ 70,113.52	
58.....447.00	.....	1,251.15	456.68	488.20	1,344.38	.....	11,875.56	
89.....811.00	3,208.53	2,950.33	300.77	363.27	2,630.00	.....	41,171.36	
75.....65.00	1,420.47	749.12	224.20	1,385.80	8,347.82	.....	23,945.25	
00 20,000.00	10,500.00	19,000.00	8,000.00	34,000.00	61,600.00	.....	458,150.00	
72.....	85.00	987.58	118.17	594.55	668.40	8,418.97	
.....	17.15	328.99	250.00	162.25	3,308.72	
00.....	14.10	79.20	10.00	46.70	253.20	2,887.16	
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Temperance Committee—Rev. C. B. Dees, J. K. Stephens and Will Gates.

Obituary Committee—Rev. W. K. Weston, Leona Thompson and Julia Hill.

Nominating Committee—Rev's. Benjamin Scott, Harry Sterling, Woodrow Matthews, Mildred Gilliam and Sis. Theo Bough.

Special Music Committee—Georgia Hill, Lucille Beatty, Ned Templeton.

Pulpit Committee—Rev. Harry Beatty, Tom Lewis, Mrs. Henry Long.

Committee { O. T. Allred, John E. Bough, Forest Hutsell
Mrs. Henry Long, Alta Mikel, J. W. King
Woodrow Matthews, Paul Williams

Missions:

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

1. That 10 minutes time be given for explaining the Home Mission program to this body.

2. That we continue the plan for support of missions on the following basis: 60% foreign, 40% home, with the Home Missions per cent to be divided equal between State and National. (Returned to committee.)

3. We strive to reach our suggested quota as given by the National Association for both Home and Foreign Missions. Suggested quotas: National Home Missions, \$1,500, and Foreign Missions, \$9,000. (Returned to committee.)

Committee { Cecil H. Campbell Ross Thomas
Alta Mikel Harvey E. Hill
Henry Long

Education:

We, the Committee on Education, recommend that:
1. We designate the month of October as \$65,000 month for the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Further we recommend that the following be appointed as campaign directors of their association: Southeast Missouri, Rolla Smith; Northwest and Northeast Missouri, Wayne Parson; Central Western Missouri, Marie Hyatt; Cave Springs, Wm. Hill; Niangua and Liberty, William Reeves; Mission, Willard Day; Indian Creek, Paul Williams; Harmony, James Cameron.

2. That each church support the F.W.B. Bible College.
3. We urge each church to sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

Committee { Eunice Edwards Jeanne Barton
 Wayne Parsons Jewell Campbell

Temperance:

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

1. We recommend that our people do not patronize stores, restaurants, etc., that sell any kind of intoxicating beverages.

2. We recommend that the Free Will Baptists in the State of Missouri go on record opposing dancing in our public schools and anything else that will lower the moral standard of our people and furthermore that a copy of this recommendation be sent to the General Assembly at Jefferson City.

3. We recommend that all our people live as the Bible teaches a holy separated life that we might be a light unto the world in these last days.

Committee { C. B. Dees
 Will H. Gates
 J. K. Stephens

Obituary:

We, your Obituary Committee, submit to the will of God knowing that the wisdom of God has called 100 of our number. We ask that we join in silent prayer in memory of our dear brothers and sisters followed by prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell.

Committee { W. K. Weston
 Julia Hill
 Leona Thompson

Nominating:

For National Association delegates, we recommend the following: Georgia Hill, Christine Dees, Oletha Parsons, Jewell Campbell, Joe Cockrell, Agnes Smith, Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Norma Kennedy, Myron Hyatt, J. K. Stephens, Julia Hill, Mrs. Willard Day, Braxine Evans, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. W. K. Weston and Harry Filkins.

For State Youth Encampment Board members, we recommend: Rev. Bob Hill to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Johnny Postlewaite of four years, and Rev. O. T. Allred for a five year term.

For State League Board member, we recommend: Rev. Wm. Hill for a three year term, and Rev. Willard Day for a one year term.

For State Sunday School Board member, we recommend Rev. Harry Beatty for a three year term.

Committee { B. R. Scott Harry Sterling
Theo Bough Mildred Gilliam
Woodrow Matthews

Youth Camp Committee:

We, your committee, in considering the fast growth and interest of the Youth Camp:

1. We recommend that we accept the petition of the Southeast Missouri Yearly meeting, item 1 of the Business Committee—"Be it resolved that we petition the State Association to undertake the building of an open air tabernacle at the State Youth Camp Grounds and that Southeast Missouri pledges our whole hearted support in said support."

2. We recommend that steps be taken now for the raising of the money.

3. We recommend that we give systematically for the support of the Youth Camp. (Returned to committee.)

Committee { William J. Hill J. W. King
Evelyn Alyea Wm. Reeves

Business and Publications Joint Committee:

1. In as much as the Unified Plan has not proved satisfactory we recommend its discontinuance and the adoption of the following Cooperative Program:

State General Fund	24 %
Youth Camp	07½ %
Gem	07½ %
State Home Missions	05 %
State Superannuation	00½ %
Foreign Missions	25 %
F.W.B. Bible College	25 %
National Superannuation	00½ %
National Home Missions	05 %

2. Inasmuch as the position of Manager of the Free Will Baptist Gem will soon be vacant, we recommend Rev. Cecil Campbell to this body for that position.

Committee	{ Harry Beatty	Robert C. Hill
	{ John E. Bough	Lloyd Jeffreys
	{ Rolla Smith	Willard Day
	{ Paul Williams	Joe Cockrell
	{ Harry Filkins	Albert Brook

Business Committee:

We recommend:

1. That the association elect an auditing committee of three members.

2. That an annual audit be made on State books before the setting of association.

3. That all checks sent through the State Treasury be made payable to Missouri State Association of F.W.B.'s.

4. That each associational clerk supply State Clerk with list of all churches with their respective pastor and clerk with addresses of each.

5. That we grant the Clerk the permission to purchase a typewriter. (Amended. See proceedings.)

6. That we pay \$125.00 from State General Fund toward the indebtedness of Youth Camp.

7. That By Law No. 9 be changed to read as follows: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the minutes and shall receive an honorarium of \$120.00 per year.

8. That this association give a standing vote of thanks to this church and community for the splendid way they have entertained the State Meeting; especially do we thank the following for their efficient service: Rev. Harry Beatty, members of the City Council, Myron Welch, National Guard, Bill Cruse. Also, we recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Southeast Missouri Association for their very fine cooperation in helping to entertain the State Association.

9. That the possibility of a change in time of meeting for the State Association be discussed from the floor.

10. That the Clerk pay from General Fund \$11.81 to Rev. Harry Beatty for advertising.

11. That this association convene on Tuesday night following the first Sunday in August. (Later deleted by action on Item No. 12 below.)

12. That the action of this body on Item No. 11 be deleted from the minutes.

13. That the local associations be requested in their 1953 sessions to change the time of their convenings to enable all local associations in 1954 to meet sometime before the Third Sunday in August. We further recommend that the 1954 session of Missouri State Association convene on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday in August.

Committee	{ Rolla Smith	Joe Cockrell
	{ Harry Filkins	Willard Day
	{ Paul Williams	

ENROLLMENT

Deacons

J. E. Cockrell, Lee McElhinney, Myron E. Hyatt, Ross R. Thomas, J. K. Stephens, Harold Baldwin, Bob Dodd, Henry Head, Harley Harper, John E. Bough, M. B. Matthews, W. E. Pirtle, Harry Filkins, Oscar Peterson, Robert Sharp, O. D. Crepps, Nolan Thomas, Will H. Gates, Bryon Novinger, Bernice Lawson, Clell Pruett, Tom Lewis, J. W. King, Dan Gilliam, Chris Pirtle, Dempsey Matthews, Roy Martin.

Associational Clerks

Evelyn Alyea, Georgia McDaniel, Helen Williams, Mary Wellbaum, James A. Cameron, Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Minister's Companions

Lola Long, Ettie Logsdon, Mabel Ferguson, Julia Hill, Oletha Parson, Mrs. Wm. Reeves, Mrs. Charles Moyer, Christine Dees, Blanche Matthews, Geneva Barker, Myrtle Long, Frances Weston, Gene Mikel, Myron Hyatt, Jewell Campbell, Mrs. Homer Smith, Genel Scott, Mrs. J. L. Yancey, Agnes Smith, Georgia Hill, Lucille Beatty.

Delegates

Lena Johnston, Lola Botkins, Norma Kennedy, W. J. Dublin, Herbert Dublin, Leeman Underwood, Foster

Hutsell, Joan Gilliam, Iva Daniels, Paul Daniels, Willie Turnbough, Elva Turnbough, John Holman, Maureen Holman, Hazel Scott, Mrs. Marion Sherrill, Mrs. Robert Dodd, Frank David, Braxine Evans, Elizabeth Patton, Marie Tripp, Mrs. Emma Bebout, Irvin W. Eaton, Mrs. June King, Elba Harbinson, Mrs. Elba Harbinson, Mrs. Lea DeWitt, Avery DeWitt, Esther Harris, Leona Thompson, Wilma Lawson, Theo Bough, Gussie Hamblin, Nettie Rogers, Maggie Head, Anna Mae Fairecloth, Dorothy Dettmer, Belle Coffey, Mildred Killian, Ned Templeton, Mrs. W. M. Newcomer, Mrs. Nellie Rasnic, Nellie Stigall, Edith McCormack, Mrs. Wm. Gates, Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Leslie Whiteley, Russell Weisman, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Jeannie Barton, Ralph Stout.

Visitors

Louis Chapman, Terry Hill, Kenneth Dale King, Jerry Thompson, Alma Pirtle, Mrs. Roy Martin, Linda Lou Martin, W. Whitworth, Peggy McElhinney, Nita McElhinney, Dorothy McElhinney, Marilyn Lawson, Florence Ragsdale, Mrs. Harley Harper, Mildred Hilderbrand, Mary Regh, Elmer Francis, Amanda Cole, Mrs. Frank David, Mrs. Irvin Eaton, Delia Reeves, Freida Hale, Ollie Smith, Anna Lou McElhinney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Charlie East, Mrs. Oscar Peterson, Leamon Killian, Christine Fryman, Loretta Pirtle, Carrie Umfleet, Jane Schaeffer, Susie Crepps, Lena B. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Barr, Anna Wilson, Clara Gammon, Gennie Wright, Mrs. Delbert Adams, Richie Barker, Mrs. John Head, Jr., Mrs. Alvin Halbrook, Donald Lee McCormack, Richie Moyer, Mae Heide, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Treaster and Jimmy, Jeanne Catherine Parsons, Carol Jean McElhinney, Judith Lynn Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Agnes Jemes, Pearl Sircum, Mrs. Tom Pirtle, Mrs. George Miller, Joan Miller, Pat Miller, Mrs. Bryan Novinger, Myra Hyatt, Floyd Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pirtle, E. B. Johnson, Carolyn King, Kenny King, Rev. William Buster, C. H. Curry, Sanford Jackson, Janet Jackson, Doyle Jackson, Hilda Jackson, Clifton Gibson, Mamie Gibson, Gregory Underwood, Opal Stone, C. C. Bebout, Wm. D. McFarland, Madeline McFarland, Chas. McFarland, Dorothy McFarland, Ronald McFarland, Mrs. Lizzie Williams, Patricia Baldwin, Gordon Beatty.

Ministers

Willard Day, Mountain Grove; Rolla Smith, 601 Buckley, Flat River; C. B. Dees, 505 Low, Flat River; James Barker, Route 2, Farmington; Harry Sterling, Carterville; Wm. Reeves, Niangua; Henry Long, 1501 W. High, Springfield; Harvey Hill, 120 E. Loretta, Lemay; Leslie Logsdon, Potosi; Orville Dobbs, Kirksville; L. A. Ferguson, Fredericktown; William Hill, Myrtle; Harry Beatty, Fredericktown; Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas; Chas. Moyer, Farmington; Wayne Parson, Kirksville; Effie Matthews, Desloge; Willard Darnell, Flat River; W. K. Weston, Monett; John Long, Desloge; Cecil Campbell, Monett; Homer Smith, Mountain Grove; A. W. Brook, Mountain Grove; Eunice Edwards, Desloge; George D. Miller, Route 2, Fredericktown; Benjamin Scott, 2612 Minnesota, St. Louis; Marie Hyatt, Centerview; John Rogers, Fredericktown; O. T. Allred, Monett; Damon C. Dodd, 433 E. Bend Drive, Nashville, Tennessee; Robert C. Hill, 8914 Springdale, Berkeley; Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett; Opal E. Jeffreys, Monett; James F. Miller, Farmington; Woodrow Matthews, Mine LaMotte; Paul Williams, Carterville; Leonard Keys, Norwood; L. C. Johnson, 3609 Richland, Nashville, Tennessee; William Buster, Thebes, Illinois; Alta Mikel, Greentop; Mildred Gilliam, Greentop; Truman Huggman, Fredericktown; Davie N. Combs, Couch; Billie Rogers, Route 1, Pocahontas, Arkansas; Albert Tucker, River Mines.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Fredericktown Church in Fredericktown, Missouri, September 17, 1952. The Clerk, Evelyn Alyea, called the convention to order and introduced the president, Agnes Smith.

Song service conducted by Rev. Damon Dodd. Pianist, Georgia Hill.

Devotional scripture, Luke 9, read by Agnes Smith.

The president declared all members of womens work as delegates.

Motion carried to accept the combined report of the officers activities.

Motion carried to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Report of the Woman's Editor was read at this time.

Motion carried to accept the report of the Appreciation Committee.

Motion carried to accept the Business Committee's report and take it up item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item 1 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 2 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 3 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 4 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 5 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 6 of Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item 7 of Business Committee.

An offering was taken for General Treasury. Amount of offering, \$42.25.

Motion carried to pay the President and Secretary \$10.00 each.

Motion carried that we keep the offering to apply to our quota on the organ for the Bible College.

Motion carried that we pay for our part of the printing of State Minutes.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee.

The following delegates were elected to attend the National Auxiliary Convention: Dorcas Weisman, Jewell Campbell, Georgia Hill, Norma Kennedy, Lucille Beatty, Janell Scott, Mrs. Will Gates, Julia Hill, Mrs. Logsdon, and Oletha Parsons.

Motion carried to accept the reading of minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Woman's Editor Report:

Money received\$48.00

Expenses 3.00

I wrote 10 articles for publication in the woman's pages of the Gem.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Editor

Appreciation Committee:

We, the Appreciation Committee, 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 sincere appreciation to the Southeast Missouri Association and all others who had a part in the entertainment program. We say now, "Thank you, and we thank God for you all."

Committee { Oletha Parsons
Norma Kennedy
Marie Sherrell

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that we pay to the Gem for printing of programs.

2. We recommend that each adopt the colaborer plan of support.

3. We recommend that we continue the two page report in the Gem for our woman's work and that we continue with the same financial plan as last year.

4. We recommend that hereafter the Executive Committee be responsible for a plan of registration at our State Convention and that badges be made for delegates.

5. We recommend that the program publicity chairman be given the power to select a committee of three to work with her and the state president in planning program.

6. Since the National Convention continues to report from July 1 to July 1, we recommend we report the same way.

7. We recommend that an offering be taken today to be used for general purposes.

Committee { Jewell Campbell
Hazel E. Scott
Genell Scott

Officers for the Coming Year:

President, Agnes Smith; Enlistment and Promotional Chairman, Bernice Cantrell; Young People's Auxiliary, Lucille Beatty; Study Course Chairman, Oletha Parsons; Program and Publicity, Jewell Campbell; Chairman of Benevolent Work, Georgia Hill; Secretary-Treasurer, Norma Jean Kennedy; Woman's Editor, Eunice Edwards.

Committee { Dorcas Weisman
Helen Gamlin
Julia Hill

the purpose of this
meeting was to

Norma Jean Kennedy, Secretary

Treasurer's Report for 1952:

Balance from last year	\$ 4.16
Northeast Missouri dues	7.80
Mtn. Grove dues	6.30
Indian Creek dues	9.00
• Southeast Missouri dues	34.47
Offering taken 9-17-52	42.25
Total Receipts	103.98

Paid Out:

President, Agnes Smith	\$10.00
Secretary, Evelyn Alyea	10.00
Gem Office, for programs	6.50
Total Disbursements	26.50

Balance on hand	\$ 77.48
Amount in Declamation Fund	\$ 10.00

Norma Jean Kennedy, 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.

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 one hundred twenty (\$120.00) 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 Moder-

ator, 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. John 1:1-12.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. 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. 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, 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. 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. 12:13; 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.