

Minutes - -

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Missouri State Association

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

SEPTEMBER 15 - 18, 1953

Held at

New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church

Near Greentop, Missouri

Rev. Mrs. Mildred Gilliam, Host Pastor

MINUTES
Of The
FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With
NEW HARMONY F.W.B. CHURCH
Greentop, Missouri (rural)

Beginning on Tuesday night, September 15, 1953

O F F I C E R S

Moderator Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Rev. Willard C. Day, Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Monett, Mo.
Assistant none appointed
Statistician Rev. Kenneth Turner, Monett, Mo.

Executive and Home Mission Board

Rev. Wayne Parsons, Kirksville, Mo.1954
Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.1955
Rev. Albert Brook, Mtn. Grove, Mo.1956
Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.1957
Rev. Paul Williams, Cartersville, Mo.1958

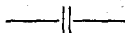
Superannuation Board

Rev. James Franklin, St. Louis, Mo.1954
Rev. John Long, Desloge, Mo.1955
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.1956
Rev. James Barker, St. Louis, Mo.1957
Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, Monett, Mo.1958

Youth Encampment Board

Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Mo.1954
Rev. Paul Williams, Cartersville, Mo.1955
Rev. Willard C. Day, Mtn. Grove, Mo.1956
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.1957
Rev. Fred Kirby, Flat River, Mo.1958

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Indian Creek Association, the place to be the Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday in August, 1954. (August 17, 1954). Rev. James Barker of St. Louis to bring the introductory message, and Rev. Fred Kirby of Flat River to be his alternate.



PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its 40th annual session with the New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church near Greentop, Missouri, Tuesday night, September 15, 1953.

Meeting called to order with congregational singing led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Turner.

Duet numbers, "I've A Homesick Feeling for Somewhere," and "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow," Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits.

A medley of songs was led by Rev. H. M. McAdams. Scripture lesson—Psalm 23, by Rev. John Long.

Duet, "An Empty Mansion," by June and Bernice Thomas. Solo, "The Love of God," Marie Hyatt.

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

Welcome by Northeast Missouri Association Moderator, Rev. Orville Dobbs. Response, Rev. Kenneth Turner.

The Moderator's message given by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Introductory message was delivered by Rev. Willard C. Day of Mountain Grove, Missouri. II John 7,8 was used as a Scripture lesson: "Look to yourselves that you lose not those things which you have wrought." This Scripture with a message of admonition urged F.W.B. to hold true to the gospel truth of the word.

Congregational song. "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Benediction by Sis. Lizzie McAdams.

Wednesday Morning

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. James Barker. Devotional period led by Rev. C. B. Dees, who read Romans 8:35-39 for a Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Fred Kirby.

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

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

Rev. Fred Kirby of Flat River, Missouri, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. McAdams of Central Texas Association, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and Rev. Wm. Buster of Thebes, Illinois, invited to seat in council in our session.

Mrs. Marie Hyatt, clerk of Missouri State Association for the past eight years, explained her leaving the association to accept other work nearer her home.

Prayer led by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred Monett, Mo.
Assistant, Rev. Willard C. Day Mtn. Grove, Mo.
Clerk-treasurer, Mrs. Jewell Campbell Monett, Mo.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Mrs. Marie Hyatt.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given power to appoint a committee on committees to work with him. The following committee was appointed: Rev. Willard Day, Rev. James Barker, Rev. Orville Dobbs, Rev. Henry Long and Rev. Paul Williams.

Letter from Liberty Association read and delegates seated.

Registration of Ministers, Ministers, Companions, Deacons, Delegates, Associational Clerks, and Visitors.

At this time the State Auxiliary Convention met in its annual session. Benediction by Rev. Wayne Parsons.

Wednesday Afternoon

Report of Committee on Committees read and motion carried that it be adopted.

Pulpit Committee report read—Rev. W. T. Newsome to be speaker for the evening service.

An inspiring testimony service was led by Rev. George Scott, following Auxiliary session.

Benediction by Rev. Charles Moyers.

Wednesday Night

Services opened by congregational singing led by Rev. I. L. Stanley, Greenville, Tennessee; pianist, Mrs. Stanley.

Prayer by Rev. Wm. Reeves. Devotional led by Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys who read for a Scripture lesson Psalm 91.

Special singing was given by: the Moyers children, the Moyers family, Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. White.

Bro. I. L. Stanley brought greetings from the F.W.B. Home for Children at Greenville, Tennessee and gave a brief review of their work there.

Rev. W. T. Newsome was introduced and read a Scripture from Luke 5:1-10, using as his text "Deeper." A most inspirational message was brought with the thought of "launching out."

An offering was taken for missions to the amount of \$144.16.

A religious play was given by New Harmony Sunday School. Following the play an altar call was given and one soul accepted Christ as her Saviour.

Benediction by Mrs. Floy Hartley.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyers. Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Devotional period led by Rev. Paul Williams: Phillippians 3:7-14 read as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Buster.

Minutes of previous sessions read and approved.

Letter from Harmony Association read and delegates seated.

Greetings from Rev. Harvey Hill of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and students from Missouri attending the F.W.B. Bible College were read.

Motion carried to acknowledge these greetings and the clerk to inform these students of this action.

Moderator called for any reports ready from the standing boards.

Report of Youth Camp Board and Treasurer read. Motion carried to receive the financial report and refer the latter part of the report to the Business Committee.

Report of Superannuation Board and Treasurer read and received by motion.

Motion carried to elect Board members by the body.

Rev. Cecil Campbell elected for a five (5) year term as Superannuation Board member. Rev. James Franklin elected to fill unexpired term of Rev. Benjamin Scott on the Superannuation Board.

Request for names and addresses of all superannuated ministers in the state.

Rev. Rolla Smith elected for a five (5) year term as Youth Camp Board member. Rev. Willard Day elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Bob Hill of three (3) years

on the Youth Camp Board. Rev. Paul Williams elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Harvey Hill for two (2) years as Youth Camp Board member.

Rev. Paul Williams elected for a five (5) year term as Executive Board member. Rev. Wayne Parsons elected to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Harry Beatty for one (1) year as Executive Board member.

Motion carried to accept State Statistician's report. Rev. Kenneth Turner re-elected as State Statistician.

Motion carried to receive report of the Free Will Baptist Gem Printing Office and refer the recommendations to the Business Committee.

Motion carried to grant the State Statistician an honorarium of ten dollars (\$10.00).

Motion carried to refer the nominations for the Sunday School and League Boards to Nominating Committee.

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

Benediction by Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

Thursday Eleven O'Clock Worship Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Prayer by Rev. Fred Kirby.

Special music given by the Moyers children, and a song by the family.

Devotional period led by Rev. Fred Kirby who read Hebrews 5:1-2 for a Scripture lesson. The thought of the "Author and Finisher of Our Faith" was emphasized in the inspiring remarks. Rev. James Barker was introduced and read for a Scripture text John 19:16-17. A stirring message was brought on being faithful to the trust left with us as Christians. Benediction by Rev. Mooneyham.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyers. Prayer by Bro. DeWitt. Devotional services led by Rev. Bill Turnbough. The Scripture lesson was taken from II Timothy 2:19.

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

Motion carried to accept the Audit Committee's report.

Motion carried to receive report of Nominating Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to accept report of State Sunday School Board.

Motion carried to accept report of State League Board.

Motion carried to accept resignation of Rev. Rolla Smith from the Youth Encampment Board. Motion carried to elect Rev. Fred Kirby for a five (5) year term to the State Youth Camp Board.

Motion carried to receive report of Education Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried to adopt report of Obituary Committee.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Missions Committee.

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

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

Motion carried to receive an offering to the Wanda Edwards Fund. Offering to the amount of seventy eight dollars and seventy cents (\$78.70) was taken. Special prayer in behalf of Wanda Edwards was prayed by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Motion carried to accept report of Temperance Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried that Item No. 3 be referred to the Publications Committee.

Motion carried that we accept the invitation of the Indian Creek Association and meet with the Jones Chapel Church for the 1954 session of the Missouri State Association.

Motion carried that Rev. James Barker deliver the introductory message next year. Motion carried that Rev. Fred Kirby be the alternate.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. William Buster of Illinois bring the evening message.

Motion carried to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Geo. Scott.

Thursday Night

Congregational singing led by Rev. Cecil H. Campbell. Devotional remarks led by Rev. Willard Day. A number of most inspiring special numbers were given by the

Moyers family, solo by Lurla Montgomery. Duet by Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sevits. Choruses led by Rev. Campbell, solo by June Hobbs, solo by Anna Belle White, solo by Evelyn Kelsey, solo by Martin Alexander.

Message by Rev. William Buster of Illinois, reading Scriptures from Matthew 16:24,25 and Galatians 2:20. His text was "In the Flesh." A most timely message was delivered on practical Christian living today. Benediction by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Friday Morning

Called to order by congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyers.

Devotional period led by Rev. Willard Darnell: Scripture read from Phil. 4:8-13. Prayer by Rev. John Long.

Motion carried to defer reading of minutes until close of session.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. Damon Dodd would bring the message at the eleven o'clock service.

Motion carried to adopt Publications Committee report as a whole.

Motion carried that Sis. Sutton and Bro. and Sis. Elba Harbison be sent as corresponding messengers to the Arkansas State Association with a letter of greeting from this body.

Motion carried to accept Business Committee's report to be discussed item by item.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 10 of Business Com.

Motion carried to delete the Youth Camp Committee's report from the records.

Motion carried to adopt Executive Board report.

Rev. Willard Day spoke briefly in behalf of National Publications.

Mrs. Agnes Smith, president of State Auxiliary Convention asked for an expression from this body concerning time given to a drama in connection with Auxiliary

state program work. Motion carried to grant privilege of such presentation whenever planned.

At this time an opportunity was given to subscribe to church paper and the new national magazine. Several were secured.

Motion carried to accept minutes of session as read, with proper corrections.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Jones Chapel Church, near Stella, Missouri, on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday of August, 1954.

Benediction by Rev. Wm. Reeves.

Friday Eleven O'Clock Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Prayer by Rev. Mildred Gilliam. Solo, Mrs. Agnes Smith.

In the absence of Rev. Damon C. Dodd who was to have brought the message, Rev. Fred Kirby was introduced and brought a stirring message from the text found in Matthew 27:22-31.

Services were concluded by a fellowship hand shake in the altar.

Benediction by Rev. W. R. Rush.

R E P O R T S

Education Committee:

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

1. That each church receive a special offering during the month of October for the expansion program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

2. That a family altar be established in every home.

3. That in every possible case, teacher training classes be made available to the hundreds of teachers in our Sunday Schools. The following ministers in the State of Missouri are qualified to grant certificates from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association: Rev. Wayne Parsons, Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Fred Kirby.

4. That a Daily Vacation Bible School be conducted in every church.

5. That each church send an offering to be used for the

purchasing of books for the library of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Committee { Eunice Edwards Barbara Oxendine
Alta Mikel Mrs. Henry Long
Rev. W. T. Newsome

Obituary Committee:

We, your Obituary Committee; submit to the will of God, who through His wisdom has called eighty three of our number. We ask that we stand in silent prayer in memory of our dear brothers and sisters, followed by prayer by Rev. Charles Moyers.

Com.: Mildred Gilliam, Christine Dees, Jewell Turner

Missions Committee:

We, your Committee, wish to make the following recommendations:

1. As there are a number of Brethren coming into our state, we ask that time be given to explain the State Co-Operative plan to this body.

2. That all our churches support all phases of our work through our co-operative plan.

3. As God in His wisdom has laid His hand on another of our fine young people of the State Association, called to the fields abroad, and will soon have completed all her qualifications, we recommend that we set up a transportation and supply fund known as the "Wanda Edwards Fund."

4. By the sanction of the State Auxiliary, we recommend this fund be promoted by the Woman's Auxiliary.

Committee { Rev. Wm. Reeves Rev. Leonard Keys
Rev. J. A. Franklin, Rev. Harry Sterling
Dea. Herman Miley

Committee on Committees:

Business Committee—Rev's. Henry Long, Rolla Smith, Lloyd Jeffreys, Orville Dobbs, and George W. Scott.

Publications Committee—Rev's. Cecil Campbell, Mary Wellbaum, Wayne Parsons, Willard Darnell, and Mrs. Georgia McDaniel.

Education Committee—Rev's. Eunice Edwards, Alta Mikel, Wm. Newsome, Mrs. Henry Long and Mrs. Barbara Oxendine.

Missions Committee—Rev's. Wm. T. Newsome, James Franklin, Harry Sterling, Leonard Keys, and Mr. Herman

Youth Encampment Committee—Rev's. James Barker, Paul Williams, Mrs. Burnice Lawson, Raymond Dickey and Harry Filkins.

Temperance Committee—Rev. C. B. Dees, Mr. J. K. Stephens and Mr. Will Gates.

Obituary Committee—Rev. Mildred Gilliam, Jewell Turner and Christine Dees.

Nominating Committee—Rev's. Woodrow Matthews, Kenneth Turner, John Long, Mrs. Hope Eaton and Lewis Eugene Campbell.

Special Music Committee—Anna Mae McFarland, Agnes Smith and Mrs. Sherman King.

Pulpit Committee—Rev. Willard Day, Avery DeWitt and Rev. Mildred Gilliam.

Committee { Rev. Willard Day, Rev. James Barker
Rev. Orville Dobbs Rev. Henry Long
Rev. Paul Williams

Auditing Committee:

We, the Auditing Committee, this day, the 16th of September, 1953, do hereby declare the Missouri State Treasurer's books in order.

Committee { Rev. Willard C. Day
Rev. Eunice Edwards
Rev. O. T. Allred

Superannuation Board:

On September 17, 1952 the Superannuation Board met at Fredericktown, Missouri during the annual setting of the Missouri State Association and the following business was transacted:

Motion carried electing Rev. B. J. Scott as chairman.

Motion carried electing Rev. Cecil H. Campbell as secretary-treasurer.

Motion carried to grant the request of the secretary-treasurer, and have a bond made in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

/s/ Cecil H. Campbell, Sec'y.-Treas.

The following is the report of the Superannuation Board's Treasurer: from October 1, 1952 to September 10, 1953.

Marie Hyatt, State Treasurer	\$601.00
State Co-Operative Fund	35.27
Monett Church	39.65
Total amount received	\$675.92

Disbursements:

Randall Insurance Co., for bond 5.00
Balance on hand September 10, 1953\$670.92

/s/ Cecil H. Campbell, Sec'y.-Treas.

Missouri State League Convention, 1953:

When convened with New Harmony Church, September 15 with the following Leagues reporting:

Richwoods, \$5.00; Myrtle, 1.00; Fredericktown, 1.00; Desloge, 1.00; Mt. Pisgah, 2.00; Copper Mines, 1.00; Mtn. Valley, 3.00; First Flat River, 4.00; Leadington, 3.00; Merl's Chapel, 2.00; Hazel Creek, 7.00; Fellowship, 2.00; Gladden, 1.00; Aulsbury Chapel, 1.00; Hartville, 2.00; Berkeley, 5.00; Southside St. Louis, 5.00; Mtn. Grove, 5.00; Third Church St. Louis, 3.00. Amount received, \$54.00. Balance brought forward, 8.00. Central Western Missouri League Convention, 11.40. Total on hand\$73.40

Disbursements: Convention speaker, \$25.00; postage, 3.00. Total disbursements 28.00
Balance on hand September 15, 1953\$45.40

Twenty Leagues reporting. Number on roll, 1,025.
Average attendance, 38.

/s/ Rev. Willard C. Day

Publication Committee:

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

Item No. 1. We recommend that we as Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri continue to adhere to and teach from the King James Version of the Bible.

Item No. 2. We recommend we use the Free Will Baptist literature in our churches, and in as much as the literature published by David C. Cook Publishing Company is found to be Calvinistic, that we discontinue the use of it in our churches. They also endorse the new Revised Version of the Bible.

Item No. 3. That we continue to subscribe to and support our Free Will Baptist Gem, as long as it is in operation.

Committee { Cecil H. Campbell Mary Wellbaum
 { Georgia McDaniel, Harold W. Parsons
 { Willard Darnell

Nominating Committee:

We recommend the following:

1. State League Board member, for one year, Rev. Kenneth Turner; for two years, Rev. James Franklin, and for three years, Rev. Willard C. Day.

2. For the Sunday School Board: one year, Rev. W. K. Weston; for two years, Rev. W. T. Newsome, and for three years, Rev. Rolla Smith.

3. Delegates for National Association: Agnes Smith, Jewell Campbell, Jeanne Barton, J. K. Stephens, Pearl Thomas, Christine Dees, Francis Weston, Mr. and Mrs. Frank David, Myrtle Long, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Fred Kirby, Mrs. W. T. Newsome, Mrs. James Barker, Mrs. Willard Day, and Mrs. George Scott.

Committee	{	Woodrow Matthews	John Long
	{	Lewis Campbell,	Mrs. Hope Eaton
	{	Kenneth Turner	

Financial Report of Home Mission Board:

September 10, 1952 - September 10, 1953

Receipts:

Balance forward from last year.....	\$1,587.56
Total receipts this year	1,106.84
Total received	\$2,684.40

Expenditures for this year:

October 5th—telephone calls	\$ 5.29
October 14th—Gem office	300.00
December 9th—Neosho Church	200.00
January 5th—telephone calls	2.10
March 20th—Joplin Church	500.00
April 7th—telephone call	7.12
April 12th—4th Church, St. Louis	200.00
June 2nd—travel expenses:	
Paul Williams	6.00
Harry Beatty	28.00
Albert Brook	10.00
Rolla Smith	31.60
Total expenses for the year	1,290.11

Balance on hand in the Sac River Valley Bank, Stockton, Missouri	\$1,404.29
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Comments: We have had one called meeting this year, most of the work being done by telephone or correspondence. Every request for help that has been considered has been granted.

/s/ John E. Bough, Clerk

Financial Report of Gem Office:

Receipts:

Subscriptions	\$ 720.90
Treatise	172.65
Sunday School supplies	329.30
Printing	1,674.68
Catalogue supplies and books	1,074.89
Co-Operative Fund and Gifts	1,858.16
Total receipts	\$5,882.03

Disbursements:

Utilities	\$ 253.99
Salaries and labor	3,850.00
Social Securities	54.15
Postage, freight & deposit on Gem mail	228.72
Petty cash	26.00
Paper supplies and repairs	581.97
Sales Tax	16.57
Refunds	16.61
Orphanage	10.00
National Board of Publications	16.05
Supply houses for resale	719.83
Miscellaneous	91.52
Total disbursements	5,855.41

Balance on hand	\$ 26.62
Bills payable September 18, 1953	\$ 336.85

/s/ Cecil H. Campbell, Manager

Temperance Committee:

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

Item No. 1. We wish to commend the people of our Free Will Baptist State Association who have been faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ in the things He taught.

Item No. 2. We recommend that as the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record favoring local option in our State.

Item No. 3. We recommend that as a State Association we abstain from the use of the New Version of the Bible.

Committee: C. B. Dees, Will A. Gates, J. K. Stephens

Business Committee:

Item No. 1. We recommend that the Gem be published for at least another year to permit Missouri State Association to determine how adequately the National paper will meet our need before we consider cessation of publication.

Item No. 2. Inasmuch as Cecil H. Campbell states that he will no longer be in position to serve as business manager of the Gem, we recommend that the office of business manager be combined with that of editor, and that Lloyd T. Jeffreys be employed to serve in this capacity for one year.

Item No. 3. We recommend that Kenneth Turner and Lloyd T. Jeffreys prepare statistical report blanks and uniform church report forms.

Item No. 4. We recommend that the statistician omit the superannuation financial report from the statistical table this year.

Item No. 5. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to the New Harmony Church and Northeast Missouri Association for their very fine entertainment of the State Association; also we further recommend that our clerk write a letter of appreciation to the Greentop Lumber Company for their assistance.

Item No. 6. We recommend that the following article be added to our by-laws: The sessions of this Association shall convene on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday in August each year.

Item No. 7. We recommend that \$300.00 be paid from the State General Fund to the Gem to pay bills outstanding.

Item No. 8. We recommend that \$350.00 be paid from the State General Fund to the Youth Camp to pay bills outstanding.

Item No. 9. We recommend that Rev. O. T. Allred be elected as State Promotional man to promote all phases of the denominational work on the following basis: 1. His services are to be under the direction of the State Executive Board; 2. He shall be paid five cents per mile travel expense and seven dollars per day for time spent in this capacity. In the event he spends more than one day in succession he shall be paid at the rate of six dollars per day; 3. He shall be paid from the State General Fund.

Item No. 10. We recommend that the Youth Camp be closed for one year and that the Youth Camp Board be charged with the responsibility of renting a camp for next year's session. We further recommend that Bro. Reeves be permitted to live at the camp without remuneration.

Committee	{ Henry Long	Orville Dobbs
	{ Geo. W. Scott	Lloyd T. Jeffreys
	{ Rolla Smith	

ENROLLMENT

Delegates

Mrs. Hope Eaton, Fred Oxendine, Gussie Hamblin, Ada Nichols, Mack Huff, Floyd Scott, Mrs. Floyd Scott, Ralph Stout, Mrs. Lee DeWitt, Avery DeWitt, Mrs. Nellie Rasnic, Emma Bebout, Bertha Souden, Martha Clayton, Mary Regh, Maudy Cole, Barbara Oxendine, Velma McGowan, Lena Johnson, Kenneth Reeves, Elba Harbinson, Francis Harbinson, Anna Mae McFarland, Paul Long, C. C. Bebout, Pearl Thomas, Pearl Sirelum, Lena B. Hughes, Anna Wilson, Jennie Wright, Mildred Killian, Eugene Campbell, Leamon Killian, Dora Sponsler, Grace Lawson, Alta Paris, Madeline McFarland, Elizabeth Patton, Irma James, Mrs. Will Gates, William McFarland, Dorothy McElhinney, Ina King, June Thomas, Freida Hale, Homer Briddle, Lucille Riley, Lola Freeman, Mary Lou Freeman.

Deacons

Leslie Eaton, Raymond Dickey, J. K. Stephens, Ora Gates, Nolan Thomas, Will Gates, Oral Buchanan, Milo James, Blaine Matthews, J. H. Bolden, A. W. Hartley, Bryan Novinger, M. H. White, Herman Miley, Wendell Sevits, Boyd Filkins, Phillip Hosiner, Scott Kasterke, Jesse A. Cameron, Elmer Maples, Lee McElhinney.

Associational Clerks

Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Central Western Missouri Association, 304 Euclid, Monett, Missouri.
Mary Wellbaum, Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Association, Haddam, Kansas.
Georgia McDaniel, Niangua Association, Long Lane, Missouri.
Ethel Thompson, Northeast Missouri Association, Greentop, Missouri.
James A. Cameron, Mansfield, Missouri.

Ministers

Paul Williams, Carterville; Willard Day, Box 421, Mt. Grove; James Barker, 2612 Minnesota, St. Louis 18; Henry Long, 1501 W. High, Springfield; Orville Dobbs, 702 Elson, Kirksville; Eunice Edwards, Desloge; W. K. Weston, Monett; James Franklin, 3120 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11; W. T. Newsome, 103 Murta, Fredericktown;

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE

	Indian Creek	Southeast Missouri	Northeast Missouri	Cave Springs	Laclede County
No. churches July 1, 1952.	12	19	10	23	9
No. churches reporting	11	16	8	21	9
No. churches w/out pastor	1		5		
Membership July 1, 1952.	763	1,733	358	1,386	87
New churches received	1	1			
No. churches disbanded	1	1		1	
Members received	55	190	38	115	42
No. baptized	38	96	30	45	32
No. dismissed by letter	17	45	8	22	10
No. excluded	3	19		2	1
No. deceased	7	16	10	8	8
Resident members	537	1,405	279	972	378
Non-resident members	277	300	95	456	151
No. churches July 1, 1953.	11	19	10	22	9
Total m'ship July 1, 1953	815	1,705	374	1,428	529
No. titheers	184	174	28	28	27
No. prayer meetings	11	16	4	11	8
No. leagues	6	10	2	1	
League membership	145	524	69	41	
No. auxiliaries	4	8	2		
Auxiliary membership	56	109	53		
No. Sunday Schools	11	16	8	22	8
Sunday School m'ship	626	1,698	297	926	420
No. officers	63	90	31	58	28
No. teachers	60	123	42	88	26
No. ordained ministers	20	26	5	25	13
No. licensed ministers	7	11		3	2
No. ordained deacons	36	59	25	62	20
Amt. paid pastors	\$30,263.86	\$ 30,914.75	\$ 3,477.87	\$ 4,879.81	\$ 4,428.92
Amt. for evangelism	1,806.84	3,160.34	1,125.25	817.40	607.53
Amt. for building & repr	3,944.99	31,181.14	1,474.83	5,680.20	204.83
Amt. for incidentals	1,935.45	9,995.36	715.75	530.18	469.71
Value of church property	44,500.00	333,150.00	24,300.00	16,950.00	23,500.00
Amt. for foreign missions	580.47	2,595.38	394.29	41.50	41.50
Amt. for home missions	306.59	587.60	271.74	215.75	
Amt. for education	222.22	1,444.86	460.91	111.18	30.00
Amt. for publications	652.49	2,462.86	466.27	561.24	267.1
Amt. for unified fund	242.01	3,385.88	596.26	133.95	
Amt. of budget	73.60	126.00	14.50		
Amt. for orphanage	61.64	244.09	36.00	134.51	25.00
Amt. for youth camp	197.86	122.53			
Amt. for headquarters		62.50			

STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Willard Darnell, 205 Rock, Flat River; Cecil H. Campbell, Monett; O. T. Allred, Monett; Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett; Rolla Smith, 601 Buckley, Flat River; William Reeves, Niangua; Leslie Logsdon, Richwoods; Alice Dickey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City; C. B. Dees, 505 Low, Flat River; Fred Kirby, 306 Cedar, Flat River; Leonard Keys, Norwood; Wayne Parsons, R 2, Kirksville; Chas. Moyers, 402 Patterson, Farmington; Kenneth Turner, Monett; Bill Turnbough, 3327 Woodson Rd., Overland; Wm. Buster (visitor), Thebes, Illinois; Woodrow Messex, 4204 Shannandoah, St. Louis; Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kansas; Harry Sterling, Carterville; Effie Matthews, Desloge; Geo. W. Scott, Myrtle; John Long, Desloge; Woodrow Matthews, Mine LaMotte; Cleo Covington, Springfield; Geo. Miller, Fredericktown; Alta Mikel, Greentop; Mildred Gilliam, Greentop; Melba White, Plattsburg; H. M. McAdams (visitor), Huntsville, Texas; Lizzie McAdams (visitor), Huntsville, Texas; Edward Corn (visitor), Durham, North Carolina.

Minister's Companions

Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Mrs. Willard Darnell, Mrs. W. T. Newsome, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. Wayne Parsons, Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Mrs. Henry Long, Mrs. Hazel Covington, Mrs. Elva Turnbough, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Mrs. Charles Moyers, Mrs. Jewell Turner, Mrs. Dorothy Messex, Mrs. Geneva Barker, Mrs. Mrs. Myrtle Long, Mrs. Blanche Matthews.

Visitors

Judith Campbell, Myra Hyatt, Carolyn Moyers, Pamela Newsome, Annette Cox, Chloe Gates, Theodore Turnbough, Leona Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, Linda Joy Moyers, Alton Moyers, Charles Moyers Jr., Mrs. Geo. Miller, Joan Midkeff, Gretta Hallaway, Ave McFarland, Gary Matthews, Wilma Lawson, Mrs. Russell Willman, Mrs. Frank Bartz, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley of Greenville, Tennessee, Earnest Lee Thompson, Lottie Claybrook, Opal Bolden, Floy Hartley, Richard Barker, Mrs. Eugene Swisher, Mrs. Bryan Novinger, Amy Lawson, Mary Filkins, Lizzie Filkins, Pearl Neff, Emma VanLaningham, Grace Stafford, Maizie Sevits, Lena Miley, Sylvia Sevits, Juanita VanLaningham, Ella Scott, Mrs. Edward Corn, Earnestine Raines, Connie Raines, Mrs. R. M. Faris.

Sunday School Convention:

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met at New Harmony Church September 14-15, 1953. Program was as follows:

8:00 p.m. (Monday) Evangelistic Rally, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, speaker.
 10:00 a.m. (Tuesday) Devotional Rev. James Franklin
 10:15 a.m. Reports and business
 10:30 a.m. Pageant New Harmony Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Sermon Rev. W. S. Mooneyham

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORTS

August 1, 1952 - July 31, 1953

Sunday School ..	Enrollment	Ave. Attendance ..	Departments	Classes	Offering	D.V.B.S.
Mountain Grove	250	173	3	15	3.00	yes
Fredericktown	211	164	2	10	1.00	no
Fellowship (Flat River)	182	136	2	11	10.00	yes
Southside (St. Louis)	140	130	2	8	10.00	yes
First Flat River	147	119		10	10.00	no
Third St. Louis	115	104	1	8	3.00	yes
Copper Mines	117	101	1	8	5.00	yes
Union Light	144	98	1	9	3.00	no
Desloge		87		7	2.00	yes
Leadington	96	83	1	9	5.00	yes
Monett	118	83	2	9		yes
New Harmony		63		7	5.00	no
Macedonia	76	60		6	3.00	no
Merl's Chapel	80	60		6	2.00	yes
Myrtle	60	59		6	1.70	yes
Hazel Creek		58		8	5.05	yes
Aulsbury Chapel	91	58		7		no
Richwoods	79	53	1	4	2.00	no
Jones Chapel	70	52		6	3.00	yes
Verdella	60	46		5	5.00	no
Rock Chapel	65	45	1	5	5.00	no
Niangua	60	40		5	5.55	no
Sublette	43	37		4	5.00	no
Fourth St. Louis	55	37	1	5	5.00	no
Faith and Hope	40	35	1	3	1.00	no

Shibley's Point	48	31	..	4	5.00	no
Carterville	41	30	..	6	5.00	yes
Mine LaMotte	60	29	..	4	3.00	no
Union Chapel .....	..	25	..	3	1.00	no
Jewel .....	..	20	..	4	2.00	yes
Triumphant S.S. Convention ..	..	..	..	..	10.00	

Carried forward from last year\$ 38.01

Received with reports this year 125.60

Total amount received and forwarded\$163.61

Disbursements:

Sep. 23, 1953—Stamps and receipt book\$ 1.00

Aug. 8, 1953—Watkins F.R. memory forms 4.00

Aug. 10, 1953—Stamps and postage 2.07

Sep. 17, 1953—National Association 50.00

(Services of Rev. W. S. Mooneyham)

Total paid out 57.07

Balance on hand\$106.54

A large delegation was in attendance during the convention. The messages by Rev. Mooneyham were very inspirational and informative. The special feature by the New Harmony Sunday School was a fine contribution to the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolla D. Smith, Secy.-Treas. of S.S. Board

State Treasurer's Report (Sept. 1, 1952 to Sept. 1, 1953) :

STATE CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Amount received\$6,953.54

Amount disbursed (as follows) 6,953.54

Foreign Missions\$1,738.60

F.W.B. Bible College 1,738.60

State General Expense 1,667.44

National Home Missions 348.17

State Home Missions 348.17

National Superannuation 34.76

State Superannuation 34.77

Youth Camp 521.52

F.W.B. Gem Office 521.52

MISSIONS FUND

Amount received\$2,303.07

Amount disbursed (as follows) 2,303.07

Foreign Missions\$1,612.15

Home Missions 690.92

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Amount received\$3,477.48
 Amount disbursed 3,477.48

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE FUND

Amount received\$402.90
 Amount disbursed 402.90

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Amount received\$130.86
 Amount disbursed 129.86

Balance on hand\$1.00

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS FUND

Amount received\$103.34
 Amount disbursed 103.34

STATE HOME MISSIONS FUND

Amount received\$67.75
 Amount disbursed 67.75

SUPERANNUATION FUND

Amount brought forward\$588.85
 Amount received 12.65
 Total amount received \$601.50
 Amount disbursed 601.50

YOUTH CAMP FUND

Amount received\$347.03
 Amount disbursed 347.03

CO-LABORER BAND FUND

Amount received\$69.87
 Amount disbursed 69.87

STATE GENERAL EXPENSE

Amount brought forward\$1,304.26
 Received from State Co-Operative 1,667.44
 Received designated 101.78
 Total amount received \$3,073.48
 Amount disbursed 2,356.53
 Balance on hand\$716.95

STATE ENTERTAINMENT

Amount received\$673.63
 Amount disbursed 673.63

TOTALS

Balance brought forward\$ 1,893.11
 Amount received 14,643.90
 Total of all receipts\$18,204.45
 Amount disbursed 17,486.50
 Balance on hand (as follows)\$ 717.95
 State General Expense Fund\$716.95
 Tennessee Orphanage Fund 1.00

Submitted by Marie Hyatt, Treasurer

Youth Camp Report:

To the Missouri State Association when it convenes with the New Harmony Church at Greentop, Missouri, September 15-16, 1953: Greetings from the Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri.

I wish to report a good year of God's blessings on our Camp Program, of the cabins our churches and associations have built, of the new chapel we have near completion, and the wonderful attendance of boys and girls who came to the camp session; also of the 16 souls that found the Lord. Truly the Lord was good to us.

We are truly thankful for our people of Missouri for their help and support of our Youth Program. The Lord has great things in store for us.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Caretaker

Financial Report—Sept., 1952 to Sept., 1953

Receipts:

Brought forward	\$	66.04
Southeast Missouri	\$	120.65
Indian Creek		144.20
Liberty		8.49
Mission		12.45
Northeast Missouri		4.00
State Co-Operative Fund		584.55
Rent from Church of God		125.00
		999.34
New Chapel Fund		932.00
Plastic plates		33.81
Offerings and cold drink stand		353.83
Campers		1,123.89
		2,443.53
Total Receipts	\$	3,508.91

Expenditures:

Caretaker's salary	\$	612.50
Cummins Grocery		480.20
Cold drink stand		237.28
Miscellaneous		657.76
Camp session		570.21
New Chapel		834.11
Total expenditures		3,392.06
Balance September 2, 1953	\$	116.85

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the New Harmony Church near Greentop, Missouri, September 16, 1953.

Mrs. Agnes Smith, president of the convention, called the meeting to order. Congregational singing led by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Pianist, Mrs. Anna Mae McFarland.

Devotional led by Mrs. Anna Mae McFarland. Scripture lesson read from Matthew 28:18-20. Prayer led by Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards was elected secretary pro tem.

President declared all members of women's work present as delegates. The president presented Rev. James Franklin, pastor of Southside Church, St. Louis, Missouri, as the speaker. Rev. Franklin used Matthew 28:18-20 as the Scriptural basis for the subject, "His Command—My Task."

President appointed the following committees: Appreciation—Mrs. James Barker, Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Mrs. Bernice Thomas. Business—Mrs. Jewell Campbell, Mrs. Alice Dickey, Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Nominating—Mrs. Jewell Turner, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Alta Mikel.

Benediction pronounced by Rev. Wayne Parsons.

Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyers. Devotional topic, "Challenge of Christian Stewardship," Mrs. Eunice Edwards. Prayer led by Rev. Eddie Corn, North Carolina.

Registrar's report was given at this time.

Highlights of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention was presented by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Statistical report read and approved.

Motion carried to accept Editor's report. Motion carried to accept report of the Appreciation Committee. Motion carried to accept the report of the Business Committee for discussion. 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 report of Nominating Committee as presented.

Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Motion carried to send the following as delegates to the National Convention: Mrs. Cecil Campbell, Mrs. W. T. Newsome, Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Mrs. Doreas Weisman, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Alta Mikel, Mrs. James Barker, Mrs. Fred Kirby, Mrs. Jewell Turner, Mrs. W. K. Weston.

Minutes read and accepted.

Solo, "My Home, Sweet Home," by Mrs. Wilman.

Reading, "The Master's Question," by Mrs. Wood.

Solo, "He Bought My Soul at Calvary," by Carroll Moyers.

Musical reading, "It Takes A Heap O' Livin' in A House to Make A Home," Mrs. Juanita Hedigar.

Installation of officers with Mrs. Jewell Campbell in charge. As each officer was presented with a Bible containing a long, white marker with the title of her responsibility printed on it, she accepted the Bible and read an appropriate verse from it. They were then presented with an unlighted candle which was lit from one large candle symbolic of the Light of Truth that each will need to carry as they perform the duties of their offices. Dedictory prayer by Mrs. Lizzie McAdams.

REPORTS

Registration:

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting: Fellowship—Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor - 2 members; Flat River First—Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor - 8 members; Leadington—Rev. Eunice Edwards, pastor - 2 members; Aulsbury Chapel—Rev. C. B. Dees, pastor - 1 member; Fredericktown—Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor - 4 members; Desloge—Rev. John Long, pastor - 4 members; St. Louis Third—Rev. James Barker, pastor - 4 members; Richwoods—Rev. Leslie Logsdon, pastor - 1 member; Southside St. Louis—Rev. James Franklin, pastor.

Indian Creek Association: Monett—Rev. Cecil Campbell, pastor - 5 members; Joplin—Rev. Paul Williams, pastor - 2 members; Carterville—1 member; Jones Chapel—1 member.

Northeast Missouri Association: New Harmony—Rev. Mildred Gilliam, pastor - 20 members; Hazel Creek—Rev. Wayne Parsons, pastor - 15 members; Green Grove—2 members; Hickory Grove—2 members.

Cave Springs Association: Mill Creek—Rev. Geo. W. Scott, pastor - 2 members.

Mission Association: Faith and Hope—Rev. Leonard Keyes, pastor.

Central Western Missouri Association: First Kansas City—Rev. Alice Dickey, pastor.

Editor's Report:

Received:

Monett Auxiliary	\$12.00
Fredericktown Auxiliary	24.00
Total	\$36.00

Expenses:

Postage, etc.	2.00
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/s/ Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Appreciation Committee:

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

We also express our sincere appreciation to Northeast Missouri Association and all who had part in the entertainment and program. We say now, Thank you and God bless you all.

Com.: Geneva Barker, Pearl Thomas, June Thomas

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations.

President, Agnes Smith; Enlistment chairman, Violet Newsome; Youth chairman, Alice Dickey; Study Course chairman, Oletha Parsons; Program-Publicity chairman, Jewell Campbell; Benevolence chairman, Lee DeWitte; Secretary-Treasurer, Norma Jean Kennedy; Editor, Opal Jeffreys.

Committee: Jewell Turner, Hazel Scott, Alta Mikel

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, submit the following items:

1. That we pay the Gem for the printing of the programs and our proportionate cost of the minute.

2. That \$5.00 be given to the participant in the Declamation Contest.

3. That we continue our space in the Gem.

4. That an offering be received here today for general expenses of the convention.

5. That \$10.00 be given to the winner of the Declamation Contest toward her expenses to the National Convention.

6. That we give \$10.00 each to our President and Secretary.

Com.: Jewell Campbell, Alice Dickey, Eunice Edwards

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 vacancy 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 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. The sessions of this Association shall convene on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday in August each year.

19. 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. 4:5; 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.