

Minutes - -

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Missouri State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

AUGUST 17 - 20, 1954

Held at

Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Near Stella, Missouri

Rev. Winford Davis, Host Pastor

Held With
JONES CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH

Beginning on Tuesday night, August 17, 1954

Moderator Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
 Assistant Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.
 Clerk-Treasurer ... Mrs. Lorene Williford, Freeman, Mo.
 Assistant Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.
 Statistician Rev. Kenneth Turner, Joplin, Mo.

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
Rev. Lester Jones, Kirksville, Mo.	1959

Rev. John Long, Desloge, Mo.	1955
Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.	1956
Rev. James Barker, St. Louis, Mo.	1957
Rev. George Scott, Myrtle, Mo.	1958
Rev. James Franklin, St. Louis, Mo.	1959

Rev. Paul Williams, Cartersville, Mo.	1955
Rev. Willard C. Day, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	1956
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.	1957
Rev. Fred Kirby, Mtn. Grove, Mo.	1958
Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Mo.	1959

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Southeast Missouri Association, the place to be at Flat River beginning on Tuesday night following the third Sunday in August, 1955. Rev. James Davis of Monett to bring the introductory message and Rev. Fred Kirby of Mountain Grove to be his alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Night

The Missouri State Association met in its 41st annual session with the Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Stella, Missouri.

Meeting was called to order by congregational singing led by Rev. James Davis. Prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell. Quartet numbers by the Harmony Four.

Our Association was called together for business by our Clerk, Lorene Williford.

Welcome address by Rev. Winford Davis, pastor of the Jones Chapel church. Response by Rev. C. B. Dees.

Moderator's message by Rev. O. T. Allred. Introductory message by Rev. James Barker. I Sam. 17:31-39 was used as Scripture lesson. Subject, "From Whence Came the Victory."

Congregational singing, "Trust and Obey" and "How Firm a Foundation."

Benediction by Rev. Roena Thomas.

Wednesday Morning

Services were opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. Devotional period led by Rev. Don Ellis who read Luke 22:39-46. Prayer by Rev. Lester Jones.

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

Motion carried that letters be accepted and delegates be seated collectively.

Letters read and delegates seated from Cave Springs, Niangua, Liberty, Northeast, Southeast, Cenral Western, Indian Creek, and Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Associations.

By-laws of Association were read by Sis. Eunice Edwards.

Several visitors invited to sit in council in our session.
Prayer by Rev. Fred Kirby.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred Monett, Mo.
Assistant Moderator, Rev. Rolla Smith Flat River, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Lorene Williford Freeman, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer given the privilege of selecting assistant.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given power to appoint a committee on committees to work with him. The following committee was appointed: Rev. Lester Jones, Rev. James Barker, Rev. Harold Hoover, Dea. John Bough and Rev. Melba White.

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

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

Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Letter read from the Rev. Moyer and family and requested prayer for Mrs. Moyer and others led by Rev. Leslie Logsdon and Rev. O. T. Allred.

Letter read and delegates seated from Mission Association.

Benediction by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Wednesday Night

Service was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Prayer by Rev. James Barker.

Special song by all the Ministers of the state present.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Winford Davis.

Play, "The Lord Will Work it Out" by the Monett Auxiliary. Prayer by Rev. Lester Jones.

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo. Solo by Rev. Winford Davis.

Devotions led by Rev. Homer Smith, who read Heb. 11:23.

Rev. James Franklin, the speaker of the evening, used John 12:20, 21 for Scripture lesson. Following the message two souls were saved.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Winford Davis, testimonies, prayer requests, and quartet from Monett Church concluded the service.

Benediction by Rev. LaVerne Miley.

Thursday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Devotional period led by Rev. Alta Mikel who read Romans 10:1-15 as Scripture lesson. Prayer by Sis. Mikel.

Registration of remaining Delegates, Visitors and Ministers.

Moderator called for any reports ready from the standing boards.

Financial Report of State Home Mission Board read.

Motion carried that the report be accepted.

Statisticians report read. Motion carried to receive the report.

Promotional workers report read and motion carried to receive the report.

State treasurers report read and motion carried that report be accepted and Sis. Campbell and Sis. Williford be commended for their work.

Youth Camp Boards financial report read. Motion carried that report be accepted.

Report of Gem Office read. Motion carried that report be accepted.

Motion carried to accept report of temperance committee.

Motion carried to accept the report and comply to request of the obituary committee.

Motion carried to accept the report of the location committee—that we accept the invitation of the Southeast Association at Flat River for the 1955 session of the Missouri State Association.

Congregational singing led by Rev. James Davis.

Motion carried to receive report of State Sunday School Convention.

Motion Carried to receive report of Educational Committee.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried that Youth Camp Committee report be received and adopted item by item.

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3 of Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 of Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Youth Camp Committee.

Motion carried to adjourn business session until 1:30.
Benediction by Rev. Dean Burpo.

Thursday Eleven O'Clock Service

Congregational singing led by Rev. Harold Hoover.

Accordian playing and vocal solo by Mary Latomer.

Song by McElhinney children.

Winners of the sword drill of League Convention were awarded gifts by Rev. Willard Day.

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo.

Devotional period led by Rev. Leslie Logsdon. Luke 1:46-52 was used as Scripture lesson.

Message by Rev. Don Ellis using II Tim. 4:1-6; Rom. 1:16 as Scripture lesson.

Benediction by Rev. Willard Day.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. James Davis.

Devotions led by Rev. Fred Wynn. Prayer by Rev. Leo Curtis.

Motion carried that Missions Committee report be received.

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

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

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

Special prayer was made in behalf of Missions.

Special music by Mary Latomer.

Rev. Harold Hoover led in testimony service.

Motion carried that Business Committees report be received to be adopted item by item with exception of Item No. 4.

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

mittee report with amendment that the State Moderator serve as head of local Moderators.

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

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

Motion carried to table Item No. 4 until Friday morning's session.

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

Motion carried that Sunday School and League boards be dissolved and Nominating Committee be charged with the responsibility of nominating a combined Sunday School and League board, one member for a period of three years, one for a period of two years, and one for a period of one year.

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

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

Congregational singing led by Rev. A. A. Hogue.

Motion carried that Nominating Committee report be received item by item.

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

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

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

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

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 of Nominating Committee report.

Motion carried to elect the following delegates and to empower the Moderator with the authority to fill any vacancies before letter is submitted to National meeting: Mrs. Ada Nichols, Mrs. Russel Weisman, Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Mrs. Ollie Bennett, Mrs. Harley Harper, Mrs. Tina Mason, Mrs. W. H. York, Mrs. Ted Ragsdale, Mrs. Sally Wilkerson, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mr. James McCully, Mr. Charles Black, Mrs. Ansel Alexander, Mrs. Mikey Cummins, Mr. Gene Mikel, Mr. John Filkins, Mrs. John Filkins, Mrs. Georgia McDaniel, Mrs. Lorene Williford, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. James McCully, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Mr.

Ed Sutton, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mr. Frank David, Mrs. Fred Kirby, Mrs. James Barker, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Margaret Darnell, Mrs. Don Ellis, Mrs. W. T. Newsome, Anetta Cox, Mr. Dean Burpo, Mrs. Juanita Burpo, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mr. Mack Huff.

Motion carried for adjournment. Benediction by Rev. John Long.

Thursday Night

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Prayer by Rev. Fred Kirby. Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Newsome, solo by Rev. Harold Hoover. Devotional period led by Rev. George Scott using Matt. 22:41, 42.

Message by Rev. Lester Jones. Subject: "Christ or Chaos." II Chron. 6:26, 27 and II Chron. 7 used as Scripture lesson.

Rev. O. T. Allred led in consecration prayer. Offering was taken for Missions which amounted to \$136.29.

Benediction by Mrs. O. T. Allred.

Friday Morning

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo.

Devotions led by Rev. Ernest Light who used Ps. 95 as Scripture lesson.

Motion carried that all information and supplies for Wanda Edwards be sent to Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Motion carried that Mrs. Ed Sutton and Mrs. Helen Owens be sent as corresponding messengers to the Arkansas State Association.

Motion carried that Rev. and Mrs. Willard Day be Corresponding Messengers to the Oklahoma State Association.

Motion carried that remainder of Business Committees report be received for adoption item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 7 of Business Committees report.

Motion carried to adopt sections (a) and (b) of Item No. 8 of Business Committee report.

Motion carried to take Item No. 4 from table.

Motion carried to adopt Item 4 of the Business Committee report.

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

Motion carried to receive report of Superannuation Board.

Motion carried that Rev. Kenneth Turner be retained as State Statistician.

Motion carried to accept minutes of session as read.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Flat River churches on Tuesday night following the Third Sunday in August, 1955.

Friday Morning, 11:00 O'Clock

Congregational singing led by Rev. Winford Davis.

Duet, Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo.

Devotional by Rev. Fred Kirby.

Message by Rev. Willard C. Day. Heb. 12:14.

Benediction.

REPORTS

Education Committee:

1. We, your Committee on Education, recommend that every church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School every year.

2. We recommend that Sunday School training courses be held under the supervision of the Sunday School Board.

3. We recommend that each Quarterly Meeting or local Association consider making full use of the Extension Department of our Bible College.

4. We recommend that our Ministers encourage our Churches to actively support our Bible College and encourage our young people who are interested in Christian education to attend it.

Committee { Fred Kirby, Mary Wellbaum
Leo Curtis Wayne Parsons
Allen D. York

LaVern Miley (advisory)

Obituary Committee:

We, your Obituary Committee, submit to the will of God, who through His wisdom has called sixty-six (66) of our number. We ask that we stand in silent prayer for one (1) minute in memory of our dear brothers and sisters, followed by prayer by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Committee { James T. Davis Velma Perkins
Mrs. Dove Kerman, Mrs. Will Gates
Jeanne Barton

Nominating Committee:

We recommend the following:

1. For Executive and Home Mission Board member for a term of five years, Rev. Lester Jones.

2. For Superannuation Board member for a term of five years, Rev. James Franklin and Rev. George Scott to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Cecil Campbell.

3. For Youth Encampment Board member for a term of five years, Rev. William Reeves.

4. For State League and Sunday School Board members, Rev. Henry Long for a term of one year, Rev. James Franklin for a term of two years and Rev. Rolla Smith for a term of three years.

5. The Nominating Committee recommends that each local association nominate their own delegates to the National Association and that the State Association nominate their delegates from the floor.

Committee { Rev. J. A. Franklin
John E. Bough, Oma Scott
Raymond Dickey

Superannuation Board:

Inasmuch as no meeting was held after the resignation of Rev. Cecil Campbell until this Association, there is no report other than the financial report, which follows:
Amount received at time of appointment, from

former secretary-treasurer Rev. Campbell\$635.37

/s/ Rev. John Long
Secretary-Treasurer

Missions Committee:

We, your committee on Missions, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. Since Wanda Edwards will soon have completed her training and tentative plans are for her to leave in February, 1955 for India to work as a Medical Missionary, we recommend that the Free Will Baptists of Missouri begin immediately to provide funds for her supplies.

We further recommend that each pastor make sure that his church is informed of her needs and if any group such as a Sunday School class, a League or any other group desires, they pledge to provide certain items of her equipment and notify our State Promotional Director who, in turn, will notify our churches as certain items are pledged.

2. Inasmuch as the State of Missouri failed to meet her quota for National Foreign Missions last year, we recommend that each pastor urge his church to give more liberally to that fund this year.

3. Since the needs are so great and may be met only as we are yielded to God's will, we urge each member of our State Association to pray unceasingly the coming year in behalf of our Missionary efforts, both home and foreign.

Prayerfully submitted,

Committee { Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. Gene Mikel
Mrs. W. H. York, Winford Davis
Paul Nehrbass

Temperance Committee:

We, your Temperance Committee, submit the following report:

1. We wish to commend the people of our Free Will Baptist State Association who abstain from the use of tobacco in any form and intoxicating liquors and who do not patronize any business which sells beer or liquors.

2. We recommend that as a State Association, we continue to abstain from and oppose the use of the new version of the Bible.

3. We recommend that every member of our association live according to Thess. 5:22 which says to "abstain from all appearance of evil."

Committee { Rev. Willard Darnell
Hazel Bowman
James McCully

Youth Camp Committee:

We, the Youth Camp Committee of the State Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri, make the following recommendations:

1. We recommend the re-opening of the State Youth Camp.

2. We recommend that the State Youth Camp board be charged with the responsibility of making necessary improvements.

3. We recommend that the State Youth Camp be rented to other religious bodies under the supervision of the Y. C. Board.

4. We recommend that we reinstate the old system of financing the state Youth Camp.

5. We recommend that the preparation period of the State Youth Camp grounds preceding our Free Will Baptist Encampment be left to the discretion of the Youth Camp board.

Committee { Don Ellis J. O. Filkins
Roena Thomas, Wm. Reeves
Harold D. Hoover

Financial Report of Gem Office:

Free Will Baptist Gem
211 Bond Street
Monett, Missouri
August 17, 1954

To the Missouri State Association:

We are glad to be able to make this report to you at the close of another year's work in publishing the Free Will Baptist Gem and supplying the other services to which you are now accustomed. We have worked hard at these services. However, the Lord has been very good and supplied our physical needs for the necessary labor. We trust our labor has been fruitful and worthwhile. Herewith is a brief analysis of the financial aspect of the year's operation.

Gross receipts\$4,600.05

Recapitulation:

Missouri subscriptions\$357.70

Out-of-state subscriptions 178.85

Total subscriptions \$536.55

Cash assets brought forward 129.10

Sales to churches in Missouri .. 993.30

Taxable sales in Missouri 408.02

Total Sales in Missouri 1,401.32

Out-of-state sales 1,108.10

Refunds 12.39

For resale (in Missouri) 10.00

Gifts, offerings, etc. 1,402.59

(From co-op fund \$471.51; from special grants by executive board \$550.42—or a total of \$1,021.93 by state treasurer. From editor and wife \$300.00. From all other sources \$80.66.)

By way of analysis, total sales in Missouri amounted to \$1,768.02; while sales out of state were \$1,286.95, for a total sales of 3,054.97. This means that for approximately \$2.17 in service rendered, the present scope of operation must be further subsidized one dollar. This is not out of line in comparison to many church enterprises, but with a more suitable arrangement could possibly be scaled down appreciably.

This report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

/s/ Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys,
Editor-Manager

Financial Report of State Home Mission Board:

September 10, 1953 to August 15, 1954

Receipts:

Balance forward from last year	1,404.29
Total receipts	909.12
Total for year	\$2,313.41

Expenditures for this year:

October 12th—Kirksville Church	\$704.00
as to the following:	
Oct. 12 Rev. Woodrow Matthews \$ 5.00	
(Rent on speaker)	
Oct. 12 Junior Evans	619.95
Oct. 12 Rev. Rolla Smith	75.05
(Mileage)	
Nov. 4 Rev. Rolla Smith	4.00
(Printing)	
Nov. 4 New Church near Fredericktown	
Rev. Newsome	200.00
Feb. 26 Board Meeting	67.80
Mar. 24 Telephone Call—Rev.	
Rolla Smith	16.60
Total Expenditures	988.40
Balance on hand in Sac River Bank at	
Stockton, Missouri	\$1,325.01

/s/ John E. Bough, Clerk

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee, beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That the duties of the Promotional Secretary be delegated to the Moderator of each local association (and in event he cannot perform this duty he secure someone)

and that our people be well informed from time to time about our denominational work with special emphasis being put on our cooperative plan. This work to be the responsibility of each association.

at the Missouri State Superannuation Board make a \$400.00 contribution to the National Superannuation Board to be used exclusively for superannuation purposes.

3. That bumper strip be supplied advertising our 1955 session of the Missouri State Association and that Rev. C. B. Dees be responsible for the printing and distributing of same.

4. That Section 13 of the By-Laws be changed to read: All committees shall be appointed by the moderator, with the assistance of a committee on committees, which shall be appointed by the moderator.

5. That the Sunday School and League Boards be consolidated into one board of three members.

6. That all our preachers, churches and members of our Missouri State Association refuse to have any affiliation with the Missouri Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches or use their new revised Bible.

7. That Rev. Willard Day be given an appropriate letter of recommendation as an Evangelist and Bible teacher, said letter to be prepared by the associational clerk.

8. (a) We, the members of the Business Committee and the Publication Committee, recommend that we continue the publication of the Gem, and that the present deficit of \$200.00 be paid by the General Fund and (b) that hereafter it be financed with its regular allocation of 7½% of the cooperative fund and special gifts, any deficit embarrassing to the operation be cared for by securing a loan on the property or equipment.

9. That the allocation of the Missouri State Cooperative Fund be as follows:

70% to the National Cooperative Fund

12% to State General Fund

10% to State Home Mission Fund

7½% to Free Will Baptist Gem

½% to State Superannuation Fund

10. That a standing vote of thanks be given the Jones Chapel Church and community, the Indian Creek Association and Dr. Cardwell of Stella, Missouri for their fine

hospitality in entertaining this session of the Missouri State Association.

Joint Committee { Rolla Smith, C. B. Dees, Geo. Scott
Alice Dickey, Melba White, Willard
Day, Lloyd Jeffreys, Lester Jones

Report of Promotional Secretary:

Visited churches in six Associations; visited three Quarterly Meetings.

Traveled 1140 miles, 5¢ per mile\$ 57.00
Time charged for—one day 7.00
Printing and Postage 46.20

Total\$110.20

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ O. T. Allred

Location Committee:

We, the Location Committee, recommend that we accept the invitation of the Southeast Missouri Association, located at Flat River, Missouri, for the 1955 session of the Free Will Baptist State Association.

Committee { Mrs. Ancel Alexander
Mrs. Georgia McDaniel
Orville Foger

State Treasurer's Report:

STATE CO-OPERATIVE FUND

Received\$6,935.80
Disbursed 6,935.80
(as follows)

Foreign Missions\$1,733.95
F.W.B. Bible College 1,733.95
State General Expense 1,664.50
National Home Missions 346.79
State Home Missions 346.79
National Superannuation 34.67
Youth Camp 520.19
F.W.B. Gem 520.19

MISSIONS FUND

Received\$1,629.38
Disbursed 1,629.38
(as follows)

Foreign Missions\$1,140.57
Home Missions 488.81

FOREIGN MISSIONS FUND

Received	\$2,525.35
Disbursed	2,525.35

TENNESSEE ORPHANAGE FUND

Brought Forward	\$ 1.00
Amount Received	49.89
Amount Disbursed	50.89

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS FUND

Received	\$ 57.32
Disbursed	57.32

STATE HOME MISSIONS FUND

Received	\$ 73.49
Disbursed	73.49

CO-LABORER FUND

Received	\$ 161.97
Disbursed	161.97

LIGHTS-FOR-CUBA FUND

Received	\$ 42.08
Disbursed	42.08

HANNA FUND

Received	\$ 240.00
Disbursed	240.00

EDWARDS FUND

Received	\$ 74.82
Disbursed	74.82

YOUTH CAMP FUND

Received	\$ 33.25
Disbursed	33.25

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND

Brought Forward	\$ 716.95
Received	1,750.24
Disbursed	1,777.59
Balance on hand	689.60

STATE ENTERTAINMENT FUND

Received	\$ 69.09
Disbursed	10.00
Balance on hand	\$59.09

STATISTICAL REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE

	Cave Springs	Cent. W. Missouri	Indian Creek	Laclede County	Liberty
No. churches reporting ...	22	7	11		10
No. churches July 1, 1953 ...	22	7	11		10
Ch's recd. 7-1-53 - 6-30-54 ..					
No. churches June 30, 1954 ...	22	7	11		10
No. churches w/out pastor	1	1			
Membership July 1, 1953 ...	1,428	466	815		747
Memb. recd 7-1-53 - 6-30-54	86	34	61		103
No. baptized	59	15	35		53
No. dismissed by letter ...	42	5	24		15
No. excluded		8	2		
No. deceased	12	9	6		6
Resident members	960	291	579		693
Non-resident members	500	235	297		353
Total membership 6-30-54 ...	1,460	526	876		1,051
No. tithers	23	6	190		
No. prayer meetings	7	6	11		5
No. of leagues	1	5	7		3
League membership	50	111	145		85
No aux. or home missions	1	2	4		3
Memb. aux. or h. missions	20	32	67		50
No. Sunday Schools	22	7	11		10
Sunday School enrollment	919	298	491		760
No. ordained ministers ...	26	12	18		13
No. licensed ministers	5	1	4		1
No. ordained deacons ...	65	27	36		26
Value of Church property	\$17,000.00	\$22,515.00	\$46,500.00		\$52,000.00
Amt. paid pastor	5,218.00	3,490.00	25,110.00		6,956.00
Amt. for evangelism	740.00	724.00	1,855.00		542.00
Amt. for building & repr ...	453.00	2,073.00	2,409.00		1,530.00
Amt. for incidentals	523.00	1,148.00	2,855.00		543.00
Amt. for missions	456.00	187.00	608.00		479.00
Amt. for education	198.00	172.00	369.00		79.00
Amt. for superannuat'n ...	32.00		42.00		
Amt. for orphanage	103.00	55.00	22.00		
Amt. for youth camp		21.00	42.00		
Amt. for co-operative fund ...	107.00	794.00	472.00		83.00
Amt. for unified fund ...	10.00				
Amt. for headquarters fund ...	43.00				
Amt. for budget		100.00	65.00		50.00
Amt. for minutes	65.00		32.00		
Amt. for D.V.B.S.		218.00			
Amt. for college					
Amt. for publication & S.S. ...	558.00	450.00	605.00		224.00

TE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

	Mission	Niangua	Nor'east Missouri	Nor'west Missouri	Sou'east Missouri			State Total
0	.....17	.....5	.....9	.....4	.....18			.....104
0	.....17	.....5	.....10	.....6	.....19			.....109
			.....1		.....1			.....2
0	.....17	.....5	.....10	.....6	.....20			.....109
			.....2	.....6				.....10
7	1,259	482	366	194	1,705			7,472
3	.....57	.....41	.....97		.....233			.....712
8	.....49	.....12	.....52		.....126			.....400
5	.....25	.....9	.....23	.....3	.....38			.....186
					.....30			.....40
6	.....7	.....1	.....6	.....8	.....15			.....70
3	928	305	311	100	1,564			5,731
8	307	217	127	137	298			2,476
1	1,235	522	438	237	1,914			8,257
	.....18		.....60	.....8	.....196			.....401
5	.....8	.....3	.....8		.....18			.....66
3	.....5	.....1	.....4		.....16			.....42
5	218	11	105		708			1,433
3	.....3		.....3	.....2	.....8			.....26
0	.....69		.....70	.....31	.....295			.....643
0	.....17	.....5	.....9	.....2	.....19			.....100
0	840	220	422	88	2,043			6,081
3	.....22	.....6	.....7	.....6	.....34			.....144
1	.....7	.....1	.....2	.....1	.....10			.....32
5	.....62	.....14	.....29	.....5	.....60			.....150
0	\$73,800.00	\$16,500.00	\$44,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$260,800.00			\$556,115.00
0	10,437.00	1,442.00	6,167.00	1,081.00	31,223.00			59,901.00
0	1,497.00	316.00	900.00	55.00	4,026.00			10,655.00
0	1,864.00	3,810.00	13,413.00	300.00	36,366.00			62,218.00
0	901.00	372.00	1,551.00	437.00	13,223.00			21,553.00
0	453.00	65.00	812.00	62.00	3,929.00			7,051.00
0	246.00		819.00		1,738.00			3,621.00
					41.00			115.00
			17.00		76.00			273.00
			28.00		449.00			540.00
	103.00	29.00	168.00		5,513.00			7,269.00
								10.00
					184.00			227.00
	4.00	39.00			186.00			444.00
					88.00			185.00
				30.00				248.00
				28.00	49.00			77.00
	509.00	120.00	398.00	61.00	127.00			3,052.00

T O T A L S

Balance brought forward	\$ 716.95
Amount received	13,648.68
Total of all receipts	14,360.63
Amount disbursed	13,611.94
Balance on hand	748.69
State General Expense fund	\$689.60
State Entertainment fund	59.09

Submitted by Lorene Williford
Treasurer

Youth Camp Financial Report:

Brought forward from year 1953	\$ 116.85
Receipts:	

(Received by Associations)

Indian Creek	12.65
Laclede County	10.00
Mission	3.00
Southeast	5.64
Missouri State Co-op. Fund	580.97
Missouri State Treasurer (to pay bills 9-28-53)....	350.00
Return from camp session 1954	36.25

\$1,115.36

Disbursements:

Wm. Reeves' salary (September, 1953) \$	50.00
Wm. Reeves labor on camp	48.79
Mileage	44.31
Stigman Lumber Co.	421.73
Gem Office	54.00
Insurance	50.00
General expense	133.42
Cost of session 1954	195.87

\$ 998.12

\$ 117.24

E N R O L L M E N T

Delegates

Mrs. Betty Hocker, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Ada Nichols, Mr. Mack Huff, Miss Jeanne Barton, Mrs. Hazel Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Killian, Mr. Dee York, Miss Shirley Cross, Mrs. Madeline McFarland, Mrs. Gladys Fillmer, Freida Hale, Nellie Rasnic, Nellie

Stegall, Leona Thompson, Mrs. Lena Johnson, Lola Botkin, Orville Foger, Mrs. Will Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Ragsdale, Peggy McElhinney, Jewell Mayberry, Marilyn McDowell, Dorothy McElhinney, Edith Crooks, Kermit Crooks, Elba Harbison, Frances Harbison, Mrs. Bob Kemp, Velma Perkins, Mrs. Jeff McCulley, Gracie McFarland, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Harper, Jane Shaffer, Mrs. Claude Hadley, Mr. Claude Hadley, Mrs. Patsy Burress, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Freida Sell, Mrs. Stella Walton, Mrs. Ann Wilson, Mrs. Lena Hughes, Mrs. Ancel Alexander, Mrs. Mary Shannon, Geneva Barker, Carl Cortor, Tom Wright, Robbie Darnell, Chas. H. Anderson, John Filkins, Wanda Filkins, Mrs. Pearl Sircum, Mrs. Dove Kerman, Virginia Watkins, Mrs. John Filkins, Mrs. Sarah Davidson, Flora Wormington, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Burpo, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Freeman, Mrs. Jessie Edwards, Roy Latimer, Mrs. Leonard Glenn.

Visitors

Sharon Newsome, Pamela Newsome, Mrs. Lyle Roller, Lyla Jean Roller, Ronald Lee McFarland, Carol McElhinney, Anna Lou McElhinney, Neta McElhinney, Lou Ella Mitchell, W. E. Mitchell, Mrs. Orville Foger, Jewell Marie Foger, Mr. Jesse R. Stout, Mrs. Berniece Stout, Mrs. P. R. Henderson, Mrs. Ernest Wallis, Mrs. Paul Nehrass, Mrs. Sallie Wilks, Mrs. Troy Henderson, Mr. Charles E. Black, Linda Smith, Geo. Mitchell, Ewing Lane, Mable Lane, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Woodward, Rev. F. A. Wynn, Deletha Marbut, Nancy Alexander, Emma Dearmore, Lois Evans, Tina Mason, Ruth Hart, Edna Gentry, May Lewis, Claudine Martin, Geraldine Davidson, Mildred Millard, Wesley Thomas, Lewis Eugene Campbell, Mrs. Ada Williams, Mrs. Mark Andris, Mr. Jack Andris, L. M. Lewis, Paul Long, Gloria Carpenter, Rosalie McCulley, Donald Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Clell Butler, Carlene Cameron, Rose Mary Kemp, Dorothy McFarland, Mr. Bryan Novinger, J. L. Smith, Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Mrs. Ramona York, Mr. Benny York, Rev. Fred Cunningham, Albert Williams, Corlis Sterling, Nancy Sterling, Mrs. Roy Nichols, Mrs. Nettie Harrell, Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Ted Davis, Michael Sterling, Mrs. Lavetta Hill, Joan Williams, Connie Granger, Dora Jean Evans, Marilyn Martin, Bertha Pipin, Carlene Martin, Kay Andris, Rodeny McCully, Sheryl Sterling, Sharol Andres, Mrs. W. L. Powell, Mrs. Ed Jones, Shirley Byrd, Ruth Ann Williams, Oma Newton, Mrs. Bryan Novinger, Mrs. Russell Weis-

man, Rosamond Bough, Dickie Barker, Jeanne Parsons, Kathryn Parsons, Wayneme Parsons, Marvin Jeffreys, Gary Jeffreys, Elaine Jeffreys, Janice Shaffer, Bonnie Granger, Myrna Martin, Mrs. Wallace Williams, Sherwin Sterling.

Deacons

S. F. Baker, Raymond Dickey, J. K. Stephens, William McFarland, Blaine Matthews, Ed Sircum, A. W. Hartley, M. H. White, Elmer Ellington, Paul Nehrbass, Will Gates, Russell Weisman, Lee McElhinney, P. K. Henderson, B. at tin Wormington, John Bough, Les'lie Eaton, James Evans, Wayne Williams, Marian Black, Ray Forester, Jessie A. Cameron.

Associational Clerks

Georgia McDaniel, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, James A. Cameion, Lloyd T. Jeffreys.

Ministers and Companions

Don Ellis, 8914 Springdale, Berkley; Mrs. Alice Dick-ey, 5516 Appleton, Kansas City; Mrs. Roena Thomas, Route 2, Liberal; Rev. and Mrs. Winford Davis, Monett; Mrs. Eunice Edward, Desloge; A. W. Brooks, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith, 601 Buckley St., Flat River; Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Dees, 505 Low, Flat River; Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Rev. Mrs. Opal Jeffreys, 304 Euclid, Monett; Rev. James Davis, 313 Lin-coln St., Monett; Rev. Melba White, Plattsburg; Rev. Cleo Covington, Springfield; Mrs. Hazel Covington, Spring-field; Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Corey, Maywood; Rev. Harold Hoover, 422 N. Tennessee, Carterville; Rev. Henry Long, 1455 No. Forest, Springfield; Rev. James Barker, Route 2, Farmington; Rev. B. F. Brown, Cassville; James Mc-Culley, 1003 Frisco St. Monett; Rev. and Mrs. Geo. W. Scott, Myrtle; Fred Kirby, 306 Cedar St., Flat River; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Sterling, 322 N. Terry, Carterville; Wm. Reeves, Niangua; Rev. and Mrs. Willard Darnell, 205 Rock St., Flat River; Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Haddam, Kans.; W. K. Weston, 1 Sunset Drive, Monett; Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons, Kirksville; Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Richwood; Rev. and Mrs. John Long, Chestnut St, Desloge; Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Rehkop, Federicktown; Mrs. Blaine Matthew, Desloge; Mrs. Alta Mikel, Green-top; James Franklin, 4120 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis 11; Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, 509 Walker, Kirksville; Leo

Curtis, Lebanon; Mrs. Edith Marbut, Monett; Gene Mikel, Greentop; Mrs. James McCully, Monett; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Smith, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Newsome, 103 W. Murtta, Fredericktown; LaVerne Miley, 710 Hite, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. H. York, Greenfield; Mrs. Henry Long, Springfield; Mrs. W. K. Weston, Monett; Geneva Barker, St. Louis; Ernest Light, Box 87, Cabool; A. A. Hogue, Cabool.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Missouri State Sunday School Convention met at Jones Chapel Church August 16-17, 1954. Program was as follows:

8:00 p. m. (Monday) Evangelistic Rally, Rev. LaVerne Miley, speaker.
 10:00 a. m. (Tuesday) Devotional Rev. Ted Davis
 10:15 a. m. Reports and business
 10:30 a. m. Open forum led by Rev. Lester Jones
 11:10 a. m. Sermon Rev. LaVerne Miley

Financial Report:

Balance from last year	\$106.54
Received from Northeast Sunday School Convention	38.19
Total Amount received and forwarded	\$144.73
Disbursements:	
To Rev. LaVerne Miley	50.00
Balance on hand	\$ 94.73

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORTS

August 1, 1953 - July 31, 1954

	Enrollment	Ave. Attend.	Classes
Mountain Grove	250	198	19
Fredericktown	215	174	10
Berkley	197	160	13
Southside	185	158	12

Fellowship (Flat River)	195	156	14
First (Flat River)	178	153	10
Third (St. Louis)		97	10
Leadington		95	9
Desloge	131	92	7
Kirksville	115	87	10
Monett	120	79	10
Macedonia	80	75	6
Kansas City	137	60	6
Hazel Creek	72	58	8
Richwoods	75	56	5
Myrtle	69	56	5
Merl's Chapel	75	55	6
Mount Pisgah		50	6
Mill Creek	75	50	5
Union Light	95	50	4
Hannon	64	48	6
Number One	48	48	6
Faith and Hope	40	35	4
Mountain Valley	40	35	3
Hickory Grove	61	35	5
Marble Hill	43	35	4
Sublette	40	32	4
Pleasant Grove		25	3
Union Chapel	30	23	3

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Jones Chapel Church near Stella, Missouri, August 17, 1954.

Mrs. Agnes Smith, president of the convention, called the meeting to order. Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Pianist, Mrs. Burpo.

Devotional led by Mrs. Oletha Parsons. Scripture lesson read from Matthew 25:31-46; 10:42. Prayer led by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Welcome by Mrs. Wilma Kirk. Response by Mrs. W. T. Newsome.

President declared all members of women's work and the pastors of churches who have women's work present

as delegates.

President appointed the following committees: Nominating—Mrs. Blaine Matthews, Mrs. Freida Sell, Miss Leona Thompson. Business—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Mrs. Lyle Roller. Appreciation—Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Mrs. Roena Thomas, Mrs. Frances Harbison.

President invited Rev. LaVerne Miley to speak on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Duet, Rev. Winford Davis, Mrs. Lawrence Davis.

President presented Mrs. Alice Dickey, pastor of the First Kansas City Church, as the speaker. Mrs. Dickey used I Peter 5:8 as the Scriptural basis for the subject, "Be Vigilant—Be Sober."

Benediction, Rev. Tommy Day.

Wednesday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo. Devotional topic, "Development in Christian Service Through Prayer," Mrs. Myrtle Jones.

President expressed thanks to Mrs. Opal Jeffreys for the preparation of the programs.

Reports given by Departmental Chairmen.

Statistical report given by secretary. Received.

Motion carried to receive financial report.

Registrar's report received.

Highlights of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention given by Mrs. Agnes Smith.

Business Committee's report received 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 accept Editor's report. Motion carried to send the following as delegates to the National Convention: Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Mrs. Violet Newsome, Mrs. Alta Mikel, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Fred Kirby, Mrs. Alice Dickey. Motion carried to accept the report of Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Agnes Smith elected to serve as Missouri's delegate on the 1955 Nominations Committee at National Convention.

Minutes read and accepted.

Solo, Mrs. Dee York.

Installation service conducted by Mrs. Jewell Campbell.

Dedicatory prayer led by Mrs. Alice Dickey.

REPORTS

Registration:

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting: Fellowship—Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor - 1 member; Flat River First—Rev. Fred Kirby, pastor - 5 members; Leadington—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, pastor - 3 members; Fredericktown—Rev. W. T. Newsome, pastor - 1 member; Desloge—Rev. John Long, pastor - 4 members; St. Louis Third—Rev. James Barker, pastor - 1 member; Richwoods—Rev. Leslie Logsdon, pastor - 1 member; Southside—Rev. James Franklin, pastor; Berkeley—Rev. Don Ellis, pastor.

Indian Creek Association: Monett—Rev. James Davis, pastor - 15 members; Jones Chapel Church—Rev. Winford Davis, pastor - 9 members.

Mission Association: Mt. Grove—Rev. Willard Day, pastor - 1 member.

Northeast Missouri Association: Hazel Creek—3 members; Kirksville—Rev. Lester Jones, pastor - 2 members.

Cave Springs Association: Myrtle—Rev. George Scott, pastor - 2 members.

Central Western Missouri Association: First Kansas City—Mrs. Alice Dickey, pastor; Hannon—Rev. Harold Hoover, pastor - 2 members.

Liberty Association: Black Oak—Rev. William Reeves, pastor - 1 member.

Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas Association: Hickory Grove—Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, pastor; Mt. Zion - 1 member.

Editor's Report:

I have written seven feature articles for Gem pages; wrote three letters, two cards.

Received:

Monett Auxiliary (12/53)	\$12.00
Fredericktown (12/53)	10.00

/s/ Mrs. Opal Jeffreys

Appreciation Committee:

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

We also want to express our thanks to the women and all other workers of the Indian Creek Association for

the wonderful hospitality they have shown to us while being here.

Committee { Mary Wellbaum
Roena Thomas
Frances Harbison

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations:

President, Mrs. Myrtle Jones; Enlistment chairman, Mrs. Violet Newsome; Youth chairman, Mrs. Alice Dickey; Study Course chairman, Mrs. Oletha Parsons; Program-Publicity chairman, Mrs. Agnes Smith; Benevolence chairman, Mrs. Don Ellis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eunice Edwards; Editor, Mrs. Opal Jeffreys.

Committee { Effie Matthews
Leona Thompson
Freida Sell

Business Committee:

We, the Business Committee, submit the following items:

1. That we pay for the printing of the programs and our proportionate cost of the minute.
2. That we continue our space in the Gem.
3. That we give \$25.00 to this church toward defraying the expense of this convention.
4. That we give \$10.00 each to our president and secretary.

Committee { Mrs. Eunice Edwards
Mrs. Myrtle Jones
Mrs. Lyle Roller

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 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 propogation 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, with the assistance of a committee on committees, which shall be appointed by the moderator.

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 employment 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 in 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.