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**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**Forty-Second Annual Session**  
OF  
**MISSOURI STATE  
ASSOCIATION**

OF  
**Free Will Baptists**

Held at  
**Esther High School Auditorium**

**Esther, Missouri**

**AUGUST 23-26, 1955**

**Leadbelt, Pastors, Host Pastors**

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FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Held With

LEADBELT CHURCHES

Esther, Missouri

Beginning on Tuesday night, August 23, 1955

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OFFICERS

Moderator .....	Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Assistant .....	Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer .....	Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Mo.
Assistant .....	Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo.
Statistician .....	Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo.

Executive and Home Mission Board

Rev. Albert Brook, Mountain Grove, Mo. ....	1956
Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo. ....	1957
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. ....	1958
Rev. Lester Jones, Kirksville, Mo. ....	1959
Rev. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo. ....	1960

Superannuation Board

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. John Long, Desloge, Mo. ....	1960

Youth Encampment Board

Rev. Willard C. Day, Fredericktown, Mo. ....	1956
Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. ....	1957
Rev. Stanley Letterman, Kirksville, Mo. ....	1958
Rev. William Reeves, Niangua, Mo. ....	1959
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. ....	1960

The next annual session of this Association will be held at the Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night following the third Sunday in August, 1956. Rev. Willard Day of Fredericktown will bring the introductory message and Rev. Harry Beatty of Thayer will be his alternate.

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# PROCEEDINGS

## TUESDAY NIGHT

The Missouri State Association met in its 42nd annual session with the churches of the Lead Belt area at Esther, Mo.

Meeting was called to order by congregational singing led by Rev. Albert Lee McFarland. Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Choir numbers by Association choir. Choruses by congregation.

Trio number by Fellowship church.

Quartet number by First church.

The Association was called together for business by the Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Welcome address by Rev. John Long, pastor of the Desloge church. Response by Rev. Keith Johnson, Moderator of Cave Springs Association.

Moderator's message by Rev. O. T. Allred. Introductory message by Rev. James Davis. Matthew 28:19-20 was used as Scripture lesson. Subject, "The Four-Fold Commission."

An invitation hymn was sung by congregation.

Benediction prayer in the altar led by Rev. James Franklin.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services were opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Albert Lee McFarland. Devotional period led by Rev. Paul Williams who read Isaiah 54:1-4. Prayer by Rev. Williams.

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

Motion carried that the names of the ministers be omitted from the reading of the letters inasmuch as these names will appear in the minutes.

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

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

Donald Jones read from Malachi 3, calling attention to the need of being better stewards.

Hand of fellowship extended to the elected delegates by the standing delegates.

Several visitors invited to sit in council in our session.

By-Laws of Association were read by Rev. Paul Williams.

Prayer by Rev. H. C. Beasley.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Missouri.  
Ass't Moderator—Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo.  
Clerk-Treasurer—.

Motion carried that the election of the Clerk-Treasurer be deferred until a later date and that Mrs. Eunice Edwards serve until Clerk is elected.

Moderator appointed the following as a committee on committees to work with him: Rev. Willard Day, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Harry Beatty, Rev. Dale Jones, Rev. James Davis, Rev. O. T. Dixon, Rev. Stanley Letterman.

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

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

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Harold McDonald. Prayer by Wanda Edwards.

Praise service conducted by Rev. Teddy Davis. Rev. Davis read Psalms 101.

Benediction by Rev. C. B. Dees.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Service was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Albert Lee McFarland. Prayer led by Rev. Charles Black.

Congregation sang again.

Special song by Association choir.

Chorus time led by Rev. McFarland.

Special song by Association choir.

Duet by Floyd James Rogers and Mrs. Clara Gammon.

Moderator presented Rev. Harry Beatty, the speaker of the evening. Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11; John 17:16,17.

Invitation extended while congregation sang.

Solo by Miss. Wanda Edwards.

Film, "The Heathen Rage," presented by the Southeast Missouri District Auxiliary Convention.

An offering was received for missions. Amount \$103.81.

Moderator read the final report of committee on committees.

Moderator announced that Wanda Edwards would have the devotional Thursday, 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Paul Williams would be the speaker.

Benediction by Rev. Willard Day.

## THURSDAY MORNING

Congregational singing led by Rev. Teddy Davis.

Prayer led by Rev. Leo Curtis. Devotional period led by Miss Mary Latimor. Scripture, Psalm 1 was read. Prayer led by Kermit Crooks. Solo by Miss Latimor.

Minute read and corrected.

Motion carried to receive the report of committee on committees.

Registration of remaining Delegates, Visitors and Ministers.

Financial report of Superannuation Treasurer read and accepted by motion.

Statistician's report read. Motion carried to receive the report giving the clerk permission to add the two letters that had not been received.

State Treasurer's report read and motion carried to receive the report.

Letter read from Reverend Riggs.

Motion carried to receive letter.

Report of Executive Board read and accepted.

Report of Sunday School and League Committees read and accepted.

Temperance Committee report read and accepted.

Motion carried to elect the following delegates to the National Association and the Moderator be empowered to fill Missouri's assigned quota of delegates before letter is submitted to the National meeting: Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans, Mrs. Willard Day, Miss Shirley Day, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Stanley Letterman, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. H. C. Beasley, Miss Wanda Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McCulley, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. Archie Hogue, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Bea Spurgeon, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mrs. J. E. Corey, Mrs. Glen Rehkop, Mrs. Paul Williams, Miss Ruth Ann Williams, Mr. J. K. Stevens, Mr. Otis Martin, Mr. Ross Thomas, Mr. John Bough, Mr. Joe Cockrell, Mrs. Dorcas Weisman, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. William Powell, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. James Franklin, Mrs. James Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellington and Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt.

Telegram of greetings read from W. S. Mooneyham.

Rev. Willard Day elected to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Harry Beatty elected as alternate.

Report of Missions Committee read and received for discussion item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3.  
Report of Nominating Committee read and accepted to consider the nominations.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3a.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3b.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5.

Moderator declared business suspended until 1:30 p.m.

Benediction by Rev. Spurgeon.

### THURSDAY—11 O'CLOCK

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bob Hill. Prayer led by Rev. Bobby Jones. Solo by Mary Latimor. Devotional led by Wanda Edwards. Scripture: Psalms 27:11-14.

Moderator presented Rev. Paul Williams, speaker of the hour. Scripture used, Colossians 3:1-4. Subject, "Bargain-Basement Religion."

Benediction by Rev. Homer Smith.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. Paul Williams.

Quartet number by Harold McDonald, Rev. Albert Lee McFarland, Rev. Bob Hill and Rev. Johnny Vick. Prayer led by Rev. John Rogers.

Youth Camp Board and financial report read. Motion carried that report be accepted.

Business Committee report read and accepted for discussion item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards elected Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4.

Obituary Committee report read. Motion carried to accept the report and comply with their request.

Youth Camp Committee report read. Motion carried to receive the report to be disposed of item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Location Committee report read. Motion carried to receive the report to be considered item by item.

Motion carried to table Item No. 2 until tomorrow morning.

Motion carried to suspend business until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Benediction by Rev. Glen Rehkop.

## THURSDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing led by Rev. Albert Lee McFarland.  
Prayer led by Rev. Harry Asher.

Special singing by Association choir.

Chorus time followed by testimonies.

Special singing by Association choir.

Solo by Rev. McFarland.

Moderator and Chairman of Youth Camp Board presented the needs of the State Youth Camp. Pledges and offering received for the Youth Camp. Amount of offering \$196.92. Amount of pledges \$410.00.

Rev. Rolla Smith presented Rev. Lavern Miley, the speaker of the hour. Rev. Miley gave information concerning the Free-Will Baptist Bible College. He then used Scripture, John 1: 14-17 and Exodus 33:18-23. Subject, "Declaring His Glory."

Congregation sang while invitation was extended.

Benediction by Rev. H. C. Beasley.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Devotional, Rev. Charles Black. Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:1-10. Minutes read and corrected.

Moderator extended greetings to the Association in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley and Mrs. O. T. Allred.

Motion carried to send corresponding messengers to Arkansas State Association.

Motion carried to send the following as corresponding messengers to Arkansas State Association and Clerk be instructed to prepare a letter for them: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sutton, Rev. and Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Gussie Hamblin, Mr. and Mrs. Elba Harbison and Rev. Willard Day.

Motion carried to send the following as corresponding messengers to the Oklahoma State Association: Rev. and Mrs. Willard Day, Rev. William Reeves and Miss Shirley Day.

Report of the Auditing Committee read.

Motion carried to accept the report in its entirety.

Opportunity was given for subscriptions to Gem and Contact.

Report of Publications Committee read. Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to lift from the table Item No. 2 of the Location Committee report.

Item No. 2 read. Motion carried to adopt it.

Invitation for the 1956 session read from Youth Camp Board. Oral invitation extended by Northeast Association.

Motion carried to accept the invitation from the Youth Camp Board.

Motion carried to elect an Entertainment Committee to work with Rev. Reeves for the arrangements of the next State Association.

Motion carried that the Youth Camp Board serve as the Entertainment Committee.

Final report of Nominating Committee read. Motion carried to receive report and adopt Item No. 6.

Moderator announced Rev. George W. Scott to preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Rev. William Mishler expressed thanks for Missouri's co-operation to the National program and his personal gratitude for the honorarium given him by the State Sunday School and League Committees.

Final report of Business Committee read. Motion carried to receive the report to be considered item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 7.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 8.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 9.

Motion carried that Clerk consider the General Baptist Press and other printers for the printing of the State Minute, but that the final decision be left with her.

Motion carried that the Chairman of the Executive Board help editor determine what shall be published in the Gem.

Motion carried that the subscription rate for the Gem be \$1.50 per year for single subscriptions and \$1.00 per year for the family plan.

Minutes read. Motion carried that minutes of session be accepted as read.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet on the Youth Camp grounds on Tuesday night following the third Sunday in August, 1956.

Benediction by Rev. O. T. Dixon.

#### FRIDAY—11 O'CLOCK

Congregational singing led by Rev. Dean Burpo.

Moderator presented Rev. George W. Scott, speaker of the hour. Prayer led by Rev. Harry Beatty. Rev. Scott read Heb. 12:1-2; Philippians 3:13-14; Revelations 3:21.

Trio number by Rev. and Mrs. Dean Burpo and Bill Sherrill.

Benediction by Rev. O. T. Allred.



# REPORTS

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Business Committee—Rev. James Davis, Rev. George W. Scott, Rev. James Franklin, Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Publications Committee—Rev. Rolla Smith, Rev. Paul Williams and Rev. Lester Jones.

Pulpit Committee—Rev. Rolla Smith, Bro. Harry Filkins, Bro. J. K. Stevens, Bro. Leslie Eaton and Mrs. Kate Sutton.

Youth Camp Committee—Rev. Stanley Letterman, Rev. Willard C. Day and Rev. Charles Black.

Nominating Committee—Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. William Reeves, Rev. Glen Rehkop, Rev. Teddy Davis and Bro. J. O.

Temperance Committee—Rev. Keith Johnson, Mrs. Alta Filkins.

Mikel, Mrs. Effie Stillwell, Mrs. Jeff McCully and Mrs. Alice Dickey.

Location Committee—Miss Melba White, Mrs. Lester Jones, and Mrs. Harry Beatty.

Missions Committee—Miss Wanda Edwards, Rev. Lester Jones and Mrs. Leona Holt.

Audit Committee—Rev. H. C. Beasley, Rev. James Davis and Rev. Teddy Davis.

Motion carried that Moderator serve as ex-officio member of this committee according to parliamentary rules.

Signed:

Rev. Willard Day  
Rev. James Franklin  
Rev. Harry Beatty  
Rev. Dale Jones  
Rev. James Davis  
Rev. O. T. Dixon  
Rev. Stanley Letterman.

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Missions, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Missouri State Association underwrite Miss Wanda Edwards' salary to whatever mission field that God may send her.

2. Due to the growth of Foreign Missions and the increasing number of missionary candidates we see the need for a stronger home mission front. Therefore, let us intensify our home missions and pray that God will lead consecrated

men and women into home missionary fields. We further urge our people to give more liberally to missions.

3. We recommend to pastors that they give more thought to missions and that they particularly teach their young people the needs of missions, the need of missionaries at home and abroad, and encourage the young people to prepare themselves for work of God's calling.

Signed: Missions Committee.

### 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. George Scott.

Signed: Obituary Committee.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

Since our church covenant demands total abstinence from the use and sale of alcoholic beverages there can be no temperate use of them. Therefore, we recommend:

That we abide by our church covenant and practice and promote total abstinence from the use of all alcoholic beverages, also the use of tobacco in any form.

We recommend that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation in our social relationships with both the saved and unsaved, thus giving temperance its rightful place according to the Scriptures, II Peter 1:6 and Galatians 5:23.

Signed: Temperance Committee.

### PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Publications Committee, hereby submit the following:

1. We recommend that every church adopt the church family plan as offered by both the **Gem** and **Contact**.

Signed: Publications Committee.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to make the following nominations:

1. Executive Board member—Rev. Harry Beatty.
2. Superannuation Board—Rev. John Long.

3a. Youth Camp Board (term of five years)—Rev. Paul Williams.

3b. To take the unexpired term of Rev. Kirby of 3 years—Rev. Stanley Letterman.

4. Statistician—Sis. Leona Thompson.

5. Member of Sunday School and League Board—Rev. O. T. Dixon.

6. Member of General Board, National Association of Free Will Baptists—Rev. George W. Scott.

Signed: Nominating Committee.

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Financial report from your State Superannuation fund of Free Will Baptists

Balance brought forward—\$635.37.

Money received for year, from Oct. 21, '54 to Aug. 9, '55—\$98.23.

Expenditures for the year—\$450.00.

Balance on hand August 9, 1955—\$283.60.

We have had no called meetings since August 20, 1954.

Signed: Rev. John Long, Sec.-Treas.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Missouri State Sunday School and League Convention met at the Esther High School Auditorium, August 22-23, 1955. The program was as follows:

7:30 p.m. (Monday)—Evangelistic Rally—Rev. O. T. Dixon, speaker.

10:00 a.m. (Tuesday)—Devotional—Rev. Dale Jones.

10:15 a.m.—Reports and business.

10:30 a.m.—Open Forum (Leagues)—Rev. James Davis.

11:00 a.m.—Recess.

11:10 a.m.—Message—Rev. William Mishler.

1:30 p.m.—Singspiration.

1:45 p.m.—Devotional—Rev. Don Hill.

2:00 p.m.—Sword Drill (Sylvia Brooks of S. E. League Convention winner).

2:30 p.m.—Message—Rev. William Mishler.

3:15 p.m.—Open Forum (Sunday School)—Rev. William Mishler.

**Sunday School and League Reports**  
(August 1, 1954—July 31, 1955)

Church:	Pastor:	Average S. S. Attendance	Average League Attendance	Offering to Convention
South Side (St. Louis)	James Franklin	187	65	\$ 5.00
Mountain Grove	O. T. Dixon	177	50	3.00
Fellowship (Flat River)	Rolla Smith	173	63	5.00
First (Flat River)	H. C. Beasley	150	45	5.00
Leadington	Eunice Edwards	103	20	10.00
Monett	James Davis	101	25	5.00
Copper Mines	Glen Rehkop	99	49	5.00
Third (St. Louis)	John Rogers	94	36	
Kirksville	Lester Jones	94	21	5.00
Liberty	Dale Jones	85		5.00
Richwoods	Leslie Logston	84	42	
Thayer	Harry Beatty	82	45	2.00
Desloge	John Long	74	23	5.00
Hannon		64		
Fourth (St. Louis)	Bill Turnbough	63	25	5.00
Hazel Creek	Stanley Letterman	57	31	5.05
Mill Creek (Myrtle)	George Scott	56	41	1.00
Mill Creek	O. D. Matthews	53	19	
Farmington	James Barker	52	10	2.00
Twin Oaks	Willard Darnell	50	25	5.00
Mt. Pisgah	Ezra Butts	50	45	2.00
Salem	Lawrence Tompson	46	39	2.00
Mountain Valley	H. B. Smith	45	32	2.00
Marble Hill	Cecil Sheppard	43	30	2.00
New Rock Springs	Lee Maxwell	42		10.00
Mt. Zion	O. T. Allred	35		
Black Oak	Ezra Vestal	35		1.00
Graysville	Alta Mikel	33	30	5.00
Faith & Hope	Lee Maxwell	30	26	2.00
Carterville	Kenneth Turner	25		5.00
Union Chapel	Clifford Klingensmith	25		1.00
Martinstown	Alta Mikel	22		5.00
Jewel	Wayne Parsons	22		2.00
Shibley's Point		21		
Sublette		14		6.00
New Harmony				15.79

## Financial Report

Carried forward ..... \$94.73

### Receipts:

Central West League Convention ..... 10.80

Transferred from State League Convention by W. C. Day 3.50

Received this year with reports ..... 133.84

St. Francis County S. S. Convention ..... 10.00

Total forwarded and received ..... \$257.87

### Disbursements

Phone calls ..... \$10.30

Sword Drill Bibles ..... 17.50

Report forms ..... 6.50

Postage and envelopes ..... 2.75

Prizes to Sword Drill Contestants ..... 7.50

Materials for kitchen ..... 10.00

William Mishler ..... 50.00

Total Disbursements ..... \$104.55

Balance on hand ..... \$153.32

Respectfully submitted,  
Rolla D. Smith, Sec.-Treas.

## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT: 1954-55

### Co-operative Fund

Amount received ..... \$8,152.28

Amount disbursed (as follows) ..... 8,152.28

National Co-op Fund ..... \$5,706.60

General Expense Fund ..... 978.27

State Home Mission Fund ..... 815.23

F. W. B. Gem ..... 611.42

Superannuation ..... 40.76

### Missions Fund

Amount received ..... \$1,405.34

Amount disbursed (as follows) ..... 1,405.34

Foreign Missions ..... \$983.74

Home Missions ..... 421.60

### Foreign Mission

Amount received .....	\$1,627.36
Amount disbursed .....	1,627.36

### F. W. B. Bible College

Amount received .....	\$140.50
Amount disbursed .....	140.50

### Tennessee Orphanage

Amount received .....	\$53.79
Amount disbursed .....	53.79

### National Home Missions

Amount received .....	\$55.48
Amount disbursed .....	55.48

### State Home Missions

Amount received .....	\$147.51
Amount disbursed .....	147.51

### F. W. B. Gem

Amount received .....	\$58.98
Amount disbursed .....	58.98

### Hanna Fund

Amount received .....	\$315.00
Amount disbursed .....	315.00

### Wanda Edwards Fund

Amount received .....	\$628.77
Amount disbursed .....	628.77

### Youth Camp

Amount received .....	\$196.27
Amount disbursed .....	196.27

### State Superannuation

Amount received .....	\$46.29
Amount disbursed .....	46.29

### Co-Laborer Fund

Amount received .....	\$68.71
Amount disbursed .....	68.71

### Gem Loan

Amount received .....	\$1,000.00
Amount disbursed .....	1,000.00

### General Expense Fund

Amount received .....	\$1,833.43
Amount disbursed .....	825.38
Balance on hand .....	\$1,007.05

### State Superannuation

Amount brought forward .....	\$ 47.87
Amount received .....	124.50
Balance on hand .....	\$172.37
TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED .....	\$15,902.07
TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED .....	14,721.86
TOTAL BALANCE ON HAND .....	1,179.42

Clerk-Treas.

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

In as much as this (Treasurer's) report has been accepted by the body, we, the committee, recommend that the chairman of this committee, along with the chairman of the Executive Board, check the balance in bank against the balance according to report.

We further recommend that the treasurer's books be set up according to auditor's specifications.

Signed: Audit Committee.

### EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Balance on hand, August 20, 1954 .....	\$1325.01
Receipts for year .....	1477.56
Total for year .....	\$2802.57

Expenditures for the year:

Board meeting, Nov. 3, 1954 .....	\$ 63.20
New church at Thayer, Nov. 24, 1954 .....	500.00
New church at Greenfield, Dec. 21, 1954 .....	500.00

New church at Farmington, Dec. 29, 1954 .....	500.00
New church at Lebanon, Mar. 25, 1955 .....	500.00

Total paid out for the year .....	\$1863.20
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Balance on hand today .....	\$939.37
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This is on deposit in the Sac River Valley Bank, Stockton, Mo.

Signed: John E. Bough, Clerk.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

1. The business committee sustained a motion that the privilege of taking an evening offering in the behalf of the Youth Camp as requested by the Youth Camp Committee be granted.

2. We recommend since the Gem is no longer in operation that the Association have the paper farmed out to the General Baptist Press at Poplar Bluff, Missouri. We also recommend that since the editor has resigned that we employ Mrs. Eunice Edwards as editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

3. Motion sustained to recommend to the body that we elect Mrs. Eunice Edwards as Secretary-Treasurer. This is done in the light of the fact that we are recommending her for editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem.

4. Motion sustained to transfer the Wanda Edwards funds from the State treasury to the National Foreign Mission Board marked for her account.

5. The motion was sustained for this body to go on record as authorizing the Executive Board to dispose of the press property according to the best interest of our Association. The money received above the mortgage be used as follows: 50% as a home mission loan fund and 50% to Gem fund.

6. Motion sustained to send a word of greeting to Rev. T. C. Ferguson, Heather, Missouri.

7. Motion sustained to propose a constitution change to wit:

Article 4, sentence 1 (which reads) . . . "Said officers shall be elected at the beginning\* of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified;"

\*To read at the end.

8. We recommend that each church tithe their income to the State Co-operative Fund which is allocated as follows:

70% to National Cooperative Fund

12% to State General Fund

10% to State Home Mission Fund

7½% to Free Will Baptist Gem

½% to State Superannuated Fund



9. That a standing vote of thanks be given to Southeast Missouri Yearly Association and churches of the Lead Belt area and to everyone who has had a part in so wonderfully entertaining this State Meeting. A special word of thanks to Bro. William Cruse who has served as head cook and also to the ladies who have assisted him.

#### LOCATION COMMITTEE

Since there has been no invitation for entertainment of the 1956 session of the State Association, we recommend that an expression be taken from the body in regard to the following plan submitted by the Location Committee:

2. We recommend that an opportunity for entertainment invitations be given from the chair and decided on by the body.

Signed: Location Committee.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT OF YOUTH CAMP

1954-1955

Total receipts .....	\$3093.88
Total expenditures .....	2853.72
Cash on hand .....	\$240.16
Bills Outstanding:	
Note .....	\$5000.00
Open Account .....	2560.00

Signed: Rev. Wm. Reeves, Treas.

#### YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that each pastor urge his church to support the camp and also promote youth interest in doing so.

2. We also recommend the Dollar-A-Month Club which will be introduced this evening.

Signed: Youth Camp Committee.

#### INVITATION

We, the Youth Camp Board, while in session this twenty-fifth day of August, do hereby ask the 1956 session of the Missouri State Association to meet at the Youth Camp.

Signed:

Paul Williams  
Willard C. Day  
O. T. Allred  
William Reeves  
Stanley Letterman.

## ENROLLMENT

### Delegates

Mr. Chas. Anderson, Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mr. J. O. Filkins, Miss Leona Thompson, Mrs. Effie Stillwell, Mrs. Leona Holt, Mrs. J. O. Filkins, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. Lena Johnson, Mr. Albert Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McCulley, Mrs. Marilyn McDowell, Mrs. Nellie Rassic, Mrs. Hope Eaton, Mrs. Mabel David, Mrs. Wallace Williams, Mrs. Edith Forshee, Mr. Erwin David, Mrs. Louise Underwood, Miss Betty Bramlett, Mrs. Dove Kennon, Mr. Floyd Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stegall, Mrs. Tina Mason, Mrs. Bill Cruse, Mrs. Bessie Baldwin, Mrs. Belle Coffey, Mrs. Elwood Pinkley, Mrs. W. E. Pirtle, Mrs. Lee McElhinney, Mrs. Esther Hovis, Miss Glenda Barks, Mrs. Kathleen LaBrot, Miss Dorothy Robinson, Mr. Herman Pinkston, Mrs. Ed Sutton, Mrs. Dain Ward, Mrs. Mildred Killian, Mrs. Edith Underwood, Mrs. Mary Regh, Mrs. Francis Harrison, Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, Mrs. Lillian Hovis, Miss Edna Archambo, Mrs. Ed Sirclum, Miss Wanda Edwards, Mr. Ted Davis, Miss Betty O'Haver, Miss Betty Griswold, Miss Sadie Ellington, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cantrell, Mr. Leamon Killian, Mrs. Freda Haile, Mrs. Laura Underwood, Mrs. Pearl Denton, Mr. W. A. Denton, Mrs. Elaine Burpo, Mrs. Bertie Templeton, Mr. Oscar Sheppard, Mr. Jesse Cameron.

### Visitors

Mrs. Kermit Crook, Mrs. Iva Treaster and Timothy, Mrs. Beulah Clay, Kenny Hovis, Brenda Hovis, Judy Hovis, David Turnbough, Keith Letterman, Kerry Letterman, Shirley Day, Roger Reed, Myrtle Reed, Bill Sherrill, Alma Pirtle, Brenda Horton, Joyce Horton, Margaret Horton, Chris Pirtle, Ruth Milburn, Janice Matthews, Mary Milburn, Mrs. Reeves, Ava McFarland, Elma Hastings, Mary Latimor, Mrs. Ray Latimor, Judy Henson, Annette Cox, Nancy Henson, Lucy Sheppard, Mrs. L. W. Hahn, Linda Hahn, Willard Halbrook, Alonzo Baker, Oscar Treaster, Mrs. George Hart, Jennie Wright, Mrs. Leslie Pogue, Susan Hunter, Edith Baldwin, Beulah Newberry, Elsie Meyers, Anna Wilson, Mary Carmen, Lizzie Williams, Rosa Sharp, Lucy Shaffer, Alberta Davis, Judy Morris, Hazel Morris, Rita Graham, Lillie Brown, Judy Pogue, Joye Cruse, Mary Schrenk, Mrs. John Eden, Mrs. Nettie Rogers, Martha Clayton, Bertha Souden, Alice Reeds, Terry LaBrot, Irvin Eaton, Elsie Eaton, Louella Phillips, Pearl Pinkston, Charlie Pinkston, Ethel Pinkston, Myrtle Pinkston, Sharon Barker, Vicky Cruse, Linda Dixon, Gene Burcham, Kermit Crooks, Edith McCormick, Donna McCormack, Nina McCormack, Easter Graham, Paul Graham,

Ralph Stout, Wanda Filkins, Bobby Jones, Don Jones, Lizzie Filkins, William Mishler, Richard Barker, Marie Graham, Phyllis Hovis, Milton Hovis, Keith Hovis, Anna McElhinney, Neta McElhinney, Carol McElhinney, Pattie Drennan, Katherine Parson, Jeane Parson, Waynell Parson, Jeanetta Vanlaningham, Peggie McElhinney, Junior Lackey, Agnes James, Emma Beabout, Elizabeth Nell Smith, Ruth Ann Barker.

#### Deacons

Lee McElhinney, Ross Thomas, J. K. Stevens, Harry H. Filkins, Leslie Eaton, Ora Gates, M. H. White, Lewis Chapman, Clint McCormack, Leeman Underwood, W. I. Jemes, Elmer Ellington, Roy Pinkston, Blaine Matthews, Robert Dodd, Harrison Phillips, Floyd Hesselmeyer, W. E. Pirtle, Henry Head.

#### Associational Clerks

Helen Williams, Georgia McDaniels, Albert Halbrook, Eunice Edwards.

#### Ministers and Companions

Rev. and Mrs. Dale Jones, Mrs. Blaine Matthews, Desloge; Wm. Reeves, Nianqua; Chas. Black, Cassville; Mrs. Alice Dickey, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Turnbough, 4341a Vista, St. Louis; Paul Williams, Joplin; Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge; Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Beasley, Flat River; Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Logsdon, Richwoods; Rev. and Mrs. Albert Halbrook, O. T. Allred, Monett; Rev. and Mrs. Leo Curtis, Lebanon; Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Spurgeon, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Homer Smith, Mountain Grove; Harry Asher, St. Louis; LaVerne Miley, Nashville, Tennessee; Rev. and Mrs. Albert Tucker, Rivermines; Rev. and Mrs. John Long, Desloge; Miss Melba White, Gower; Rev. and Mrs. Archie Hogue, Cabool; Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Highland; Mrs. Alta Mikel, Greentop; Mr. Gene Mikel, Greentop; Rev. and Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Letterman; Rev. and Mrs. James Barker, Farmington, Rt. 2; Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Scott, Mountain Grove; Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones, 509 Walker, Kirksville; Rev. Leonard Keyes, Norwood; Rev. and Mrs. Willard Day, Fredericktown; Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Parsons, St. Louis; Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Dees, Desloge; Rev. and Mrs. Glen Rehkop, Fredericktown; Rev. and Mrs. Harry Beatty, Thayer; Rev. Keith Johnson, Alton, Mo.; Rev. and Mrs. Rolla Smith, Flat River; Myrtle Curtis, Lebanon; Vernida Broyles, Springfield, Mo.

## Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the High School Auditorium at Esther, Missouri, August 24, 1955.

Mrs. Lester Jones, president of the convention called the meeting to order. Congregational singing led by Mrs. Willard Day. Pianist, Miss Shirley Day.

Devotional led by Mrs. Lucille Beatty. Scripture read, I Peter 4:11-16. Prayer, Mrs. Beatty.

President took charge. President declared all members of women's groups and the pastors of churches who have women's work present as delegates.

President appointed the following committees:

Appreciation—Mrs. Alice Dickey, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mrs. Mary Wellbaum.

Business—Mrs. Agnes Smith, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Alta Mikel.

Nominations—Mrs. Blaine Matthews, Mrs. Oleatha Parsons, Mrs. Hope Eaton.

Finance—Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmyer, Mrs. Glen Rehkop.

Motion carried that the program be accepted with any necessary changes.

Hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

President presented Rev. Willard Day, pastor of the Fredericktown church, as the speaker. Scripture: Romans 1:21-24. Subject, "The Business of Making Lives Over."

Chorus: "Thank You, Lord."

Benediction, Rev. George W. Scott.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Mrs. Willard Day. Pianist, Mrs. Clifford Skaggs.

Devotions led by Mrs. Virgil Cantrell. Scripture: Romans 12:1-9. Prayer led by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Hymn, "Sitting at the Feet of Jesus." Poem, "The Need of the Hour," Mrs. Lester Jones.

Youth Chairman, Mrs. Alice Dickey, presented Miss Annette Cox, who gave a declamation.

Annual report given. Treasurer's report read and received.

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

Registration report read.

Appreciation report read and received.

Congregational singing led by Mrs. Willard Day.

Partial report of Business Committee read and received by motion to be considered item by item.

Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 adopted.

Report of Nomination Committee read and adopted.

Motion carried to send the following as delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Stanley Letterman, Mrs. Willard Day, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. Harry Beatty, Mrs. Alta Mikel, Mrs. H. C. Beasley.

Minutes read and approved.

Installation service conducted by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Prayer of dedication led by Rev. Roger Reeds.

Benediction, Mrs. Ed Sutton.

## REPORTS

### REGISTRATION

Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting: Rev. Rolla Smith, pastor—12 members present; Flat River First, Rev. H. C. Beasley, pastor—10 members present; Leadington, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, pastor—5 members present; Desloge, Rev. John Long, pastor—7 members present; Fredericktown, Rev. Willard Day, pastor—11 members present; St. Louis Third, Rev. John Rogers, pastor—2 members present; Berkely—4 members present; Southside, Rev. James Franklin, pastor—3 members present; Fourth, Rev. Bill Turnbough, pastor—3 members present; Richwoods, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, pastor—1 member present; Coppermines, Rev. Glen Rehkop, pastor—7 members present.

Indian Creek Association: Monett, Rev. Jas. Davis, pastor; Merls Chapel, Rev. Chas. Black, pastor.

Mission Association: Mountain Grove, Rev. O. T. Dixon, pastor—2 members present.

Northeast Missouri Association: Kirksville, Rev. Lester Jones, pastor—9 members present.

Cave Springs Association: Myrtle, Rev. Geo. W. Scott, pastor—3 members present; Thayer, Rev. Harry Beatty, pastor—2 members present.

Central Western Missouri Association: First Kansas City, Mrs. Alice Dickey, pastor—1 member present.

Signed: By the Committee.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We have examined the books of the Treasurer and have found them to be correct.

Signed: By the Committee.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We submit the following nominations: President, Mrs. Myrtle Jones; Enlistment Chairman, Mrs. Harry Beatty; Youth Chairman, Mrs. Willard Day; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Barbara Oxendine; Program-Publicity, Mrs. Rolla Smith; Benevolence Chairman, Mrs. Leah DeWitt; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Signed: By the Committee.

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. We wish to extend our thanks to our worthy President and all the Auxiliary Officers and pray God's blessings on them.

2. Also, we wish to extend thanks to Rev. Willard Day for preaching for us at the 11 o'clock service.

3. Also, our thanks to the women of the Southeast Missouri District Convention for their hospitality.

4. Also, our thanks to Lutes Floral Shop and to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Longnecker for the beautiful flowers, and that the Clerk send a card of thanks to them.

Signed: By the Committee.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We recommend:

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

2. That we give an honorarium of of \$10.00 each to our State President and Secretary.

3. That we accept our quota of \$100.00 for purchase of visual aid equipment for our missionaries and that the Executive Committee be given the responsibility of assigning the quota to each local auxiliary. (The Executive Committee decided upon 30c per member.)

4. That each local auxiliary tithe its income into their respective district treasury and the district convention tithe into the State auxiliary treasury and that the money be used for promotional enterprises.

5. That the reports be examined by a Credential Committee to be appointed by the State President at the beginning of each annual session, and that each district convention secretary send their report and dues in to the State Secretary not later than one week prior to the State Convention.

6. That the essay contest rules and plans be read and explained to this body.

Signed: By the Committee.

Statistician—Kenneth Turner  
322 Mineral  
Joplin, Mo.

	Cave Springs	C. W. Missouri	Indian Creek	Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast Missouri	Northwest Missouri	Southeast Missouri	STATE TOTAL
No. Associations reporting	21	7	11	9	21	5	9	5	21	9
No. Churches reporting	22	7	11	10	23	5	11	6	20	109
No. Churches July 1, 1954	1	1		1	1				1	5
Churches rec'd July 1, '54-June 30, '55	1	1		1					0	2
No. Churches disbanded	0									
Total No. Churches June 30, 1955	23	7	11	10	24	5	11	6	21	118
State of religion	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Fair	Good	Good
Membership July 1, 1954	1460	527	750	908	1,478	488	344	226	1928	8109
Mem. rec'd July 1, 1954-June 30, 1955	33	39	66	82	70	32	33	9	331	695
No. Baptized	21	14	40	36	64	16	18	9	190	408
No. Dismissed by Letter	68	17	25	13	26	12	13	1	67	242
No. Excluded	3			1					13	17
No. Deceased	10	13	7	8	7	5	3	3	13	69
Resident Members	919	272	550	674	1,018	325	323	95	1923	6099
Non-Resident Members	522	239	250	303	460	202	90	131	338	2535
Total Membership June 30, 1955	1,441	511	800	979	1,478	527	413	226	2323	8698
No. Tithers	13		110	10	29		47	4	288	501
No. Prayer Meetings	5	5	10	3	12		8		21	64
Condition of Prayer Meetings	Fair	Fair	Good	Good	Good		Fair		Good	Good
No. of Leagues	3	4	6	1	6		3		19	42
Condition of Leagues	Good	Fair	Good	Good	Good		Good		Good	Good
League Membership	88	85	150	33	223		83		933	1593
No. Aux. or Home Missions	2	2	4	1	1		3	2	11	28
Condition of Aux. or Home Missions	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good		Good	Good	Good	Good
Membership of Aux. or Home Missions	31	29	90	73	45		69	30	249	616
No. of Sunday Schools	20	6	11	9	19	5	9	4	23	101
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Total Enrollment Sunday Schools	927	380	715	487	932	275	338	113	2476	6643
No. Sunday School officers	51	29	61	33	70	18	61	12	103	438
No. Sunday School teachers	84	32	65	39	92	18	38	14	166	548
No. Ordained Ministers	30	12	18	17	28	5	6	7	32	155
No. Licensed Ministers		1	10	3	6		1	1	15	37
No. Ordained Deacons	58	23	41	32	70	13	23	9	64	333

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF

THE STATE OF MISSOURI

	Cave Springs	C. W. Missouri	Indian Creek	Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast Missouri	Northwest Missouri	Southeast Missouri	STATE TOTAL
Value of Church Property	\$20,050.00	\$27,000.00	\$81,000.00	\$51,000.00	\$87,200.00	\$18,500.00	\$83,500.00	\$21,400.00	\$333,850.00	\$723,500.00
Amount Paid Pastor	5,225.03	4,800.00	10,900.00	7,340.00	13,170.00	1,560.00	6,820.00	320.00	38,365.37	88,500.40
Am't for Evangelistic Work	579.35	933.00	1,100.00	840.00	1,850.00	410.00	1,100.00	170.00	4,238.55	11,220.90
Am't for Building and Repair	878.62	1,320.00	43,980.00	3,300.00	1,235.00	1,934.00	7,353.00	30.00	19,679.97	82,680.69
Amount for Incidentals	616.16	1,238.00	3,342.00	1,536.00	1,097.00	633.00	2,255.00	390.00	19,131.03	30,238.19
Amount for Missions:	337.67								998.94	1,336.61
Foreign		380.00	200.00	256.00	147.00		177.00	42.00	1,840.41	2,042.41
Home		112.00	186.00	39.00	215.00	58.00	685.00	14.00	1,099.38	2,408.38
Amount for Education	269.86	70.00	400.00	164.00	547.00	163.00	151.00	38.00	1,950.34	3,753.20
Amount for Superannuation		14.00	60.00							74.00
Amount for Orphanage	84.43	29.00	88.00		41.00		89.00	10.00	347.15	688.58
Amount for Youth Camp	23.67	282.00	300.00	36.00	142.00	25.00	101.00	28.00	177.28	1,114.95
Amount for Co-operative Fund	134.64	784.00	412.00		204.00	72.00	845.00		6,689.62	9,141.24
Amount for Unified Fund	9.39			34.00		100.00				143.39
Am't for Headquarters Fund	92.68	11.00	27.00					13.00	24.91	168.59
Amount for Budget	3.00	90.00	49.10	5.00	84.61	40.00	44.00		115.97	431.68
Amount for Minutes	50.54		59.60	56.00				10.00	110.00	286.14
Amount for Radio Program			795.00							795.00



## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Received:

Myrtle Auxiliary, Dues .....	\$ 3.60
Northeast Auxiliary District Convention .....	13.40
Indian Creek District Convention .....	13.80
Thayer Auxiliary .....	4.20
Southeast District Convention .....	37.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>

Southeast District Convention (for State Entertainment) .....	10.00
Southeast District Convention (for gift to State Convention) .....	25.00
Indian Creek District Convention (for Co-Laborer Fund) .....	10.68
Northeast District Convention (for Co-Laborer Fund) .....	16.38
<b>GRAND TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$134.06</b>

### Disbursed:

Mrs. Lester Jones, Honorarium .....	\$10.00
Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Honorarium .....	10.00
For State Entertainment .....	10.00
Miss Leona Thompson, refund on dues .....	1.30
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$31.30</b>
<b>BALANCE .....</b>	<b>\$132.72</b>

Signed: Secretary-Treasurer.

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