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**OF THE**

**Forty-Third Annual Session**

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**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**

**OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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**OFFICERS**

Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.  
Assistant ..... Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo.  
Clerk-Treasurer ..... Rev. Albert Halbrook, Lutesville, Mo.  
Statistician ..... Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo.

**Executive and Home Mission Board**

Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo. .... 1957  
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. .... 1958  
Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo. .... 1959  
Rev. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo. .... 1960  
John Bough, Stockton, Mo. .... 1961

**Superannuation Board**

Rev. James Barker, Farmington, Mo., Rt. 2 ..... 1957  
Rev. Geo. Scott, Mountain Grove, Mo. .... 1958  
Rev. Dale Jones, Lebanon, Mo. .... 1959  
Rev. John Long, Desloge, Mo. .... 1960  
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett, Mo. .... 1961

**Youth Encampment Board**

Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo. .... 1957  
Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Kirksville, Mo. .... 1958  
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo. .... 1959  
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. .... 1960  
Rev. Harvey E. Hill, St. Louis, Mo. .... 1961

The next annual session of this Association will be held at the place designated by the Executive Board. Rev. Ben Scott of Fredericktown will bring the introductory message. Rev. Dale Jones will be his alternate.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Missouri State Association met in its 43rd Annual Session at the Youth Campgrounds near Niangua, Missouri, August 21-23, 1956.

The meeting was called to order with congregational singing led by Rev. James Davis. Pianist was Miss Mary Ruth Wisheart. Prayer led by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Devotion led by Rev. Ben Scott, using John 4:31-38 as the scripture. Theme—"Shortness of time; ripeness of the field; rewards for labor." Prayer led by Rev. Scott. Special song by the Springfield Ladies Quartette.

Welcome address by Rev. Harvey Hill, pastor of the Berkeley church. Response by the Rev. Dale Jones, pastor of the Liberty church.

The association was called together for business by the clerk, Mrs. Eunice Edwards. She read from Philippians 2:9-16. Mrs. Edwards presented the Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred.

Rev. Allred presented Rev. Harry Beatty, pastor of Thayer church, who used as a text: Proverbs 22:28; subject: "Way marks" (Scripture—Acts 17:23-31).

An invitation hymn was sung.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, president of the Missouri State Auxiliary Convention, announced the committees for the Auxiliary Convention.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services were opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Pianist was Miss Lucy Wisheart.

Devotional period led by Rev. James McCully, who read Rom. 8:34-39, followed by prayer.

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

Clerk asked Rev. Glen Rehkop to serve as Reading Clerk.

Motion carried that all the letters be read and then they be considered collectively.

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, Cave Springs, Northeast, Laclede County, Southeast, Central Western, Northwest Missouri and Northeast Kansas, and Liberty Associations.

Motion that delegates be supplied before receiving the letters. Motion carried.

Motion to receive the letters as read and corrected and seat the delegates. Motion carried.

Motion that the Clerk and Moderator of the Indian Creek Association draw up a letter for that association.

Motion amended that these delegates be seated and this letter be received later. Motion carried.

Visitors welcomed and seated.

Rev. W. A. Hales recognized as a standing delegate.

Reading of By-Laws by Assistant Clerk, Rev. Paul Williams.

Moderator called for the election of officers.

Prayer led by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Rev. Raymond Riggs was requested to moderate the election of the following officers:

Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Allred

Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. O. T. Dixon

Motion that the Moderator and Assistant Moderator be given a unanimous vote. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the election of the Clerk-Treasurer be deferred until the Business Committee makes their report and that the present Clerk continue to serve until that time.

Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Committees to help appoint the other committees:

Rev. Paul Williams, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Rev. Ben Scott, and Rev. Harry Beatty.

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

Telegram of greetings read from National Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

11:00 A.M.

Moderator read the report of the Committee on Committees. Motion carried to accept report.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Singspiration directed by Mary Latimor.

Special song by Miss Latimor.

Praise service directed by Rev. Woodrow Matthews. Solo by Miss Lucy Wisehart.

Benediction by Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing led by Rev. Jerry Thompson. Pianist was Miss Leona Thompson. Prayer led by Rev. Charley Finlay and Rev. H. C. Beasley.

Solo by Miss Mary Latimor. Solo by Miss Lucy Wisehart.  
Letter of greeting from Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of  
the Free Will Baptist Bible College read by Rev. O. T. Dixon.  
Devotions led by Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart. She read  
Psalms 107, and followed the reading with prayer.

Testimonies by former and present students of Free Will  
Baptist Bible College. Prayer led by Rev. O. T. Allred.

Moderator presented by Rev. Raymond Riggs, who spoke  
from the subject: "The Seven Secrets of Paul's Success";  
Scripture, John 14:6; Acts 4:12; I Tim. 1:15; Gal. 2:20; Acts  
26:19; Phil. 3:13-14; Phil. 4:11; I Cor. 5:22; Acts 20:24.

An invitation hymn was sung.

Offering received for Missions. Amount was \$116.02.

Benediction by Mr. Lyle Roller.

### THURSDAY MORNING

Congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Pianist  
was Miss Leona Thompson. Prayer led by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Devotional conducted by Rev. Albert Halbbrook. Scripture  
read: Psalms 51, followed by remarks and prayer.

Moderator announced Rev. W. A. Hales to preach at the  
11:00 A.M. service and Rev. O. T. Dixon to preach at the eve-  
ning service.

Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Reading Clerk, Rev. Paul Williams, read letters from  
Niangua and Indian Creek Associations. Motion to receive  
these letters and seat the delegates.

Time was given for late registration.

Rev. Fred Marler, former resident of Missouri, was  
recognized as a visitor from California.

Report of Statistician read. Motion to receive the report  
and commend the statistician for her work. Motion carried.

Motion to defer election of statistician until Nominating  
Committee makes their report. Motion carried.

Report of Executive Board read and received by motion.

Financial report of Youth Camp Board read and received  
by motion.

State Treasurer's and Gem Editor's reports read and ac-  
cepted by standing vote.

Financial report of State Superannuation Board read and  
received by motion.

Report of Obituary Committee read. Motion to receive  
the report and comply with the request. Prayer led by Mrs.  
A. W. Hartley. (See reports.)

Report of Temperance Committee read. Motion to receive  
the report in its entirety.

Representative Emmett Jones, from the Missouri Legislature, spoke on local option.

Moderator declared session adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Rev. Ol Claxton.

#### THURSDAY—11 O'CLOCK

Congregational singing led by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Pianist was Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart. Prayer led by Rev. C. B. Dees. Solo by Miss Lucy Wisehart.

Devotional Scripture—Proverbs 25:11-14 read by Mr. Charles Edwards. Prayer led by Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Moderator presented Rev. W. A. Hales who spoke from the subject: "The Forward March" and used as the text: Exo. 14:2-4, 10-15.

Benediction led by Mr. Willie Rush.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop.

Devotional conducted by Rev. Lester Jones. Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20; Psalms 127:1, followed with appropriate remarks.

Moderator called assembly to order for business.

Partial report of Nominating Committee read. Motion to receive the report and consider each nomination individually.

Deacon John Bough elected to five (5) year term on the Executive Board by acclamation.

Rev. O. T. Dixon elected to three (3) year term on the Executive Board, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Lester Jones, by acclamation.

Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys elected to five (5) year term to the Superannuation Board by acclamation.

Rev. Dale Jones elected to three (3) year term to the Superannuation Board, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. James Franklin, by acclamation.

Rev. Harvey Hill elected to five (5) year term on Youth Camp Board by acclamation.

Rev. Woodrow Mattheys elected to two (2) year term on Youth Camp Board, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Stanley Letterman.

Miss Leona Thompson elected as State Statistician for one (1) year by acclamation.

Rev. Russell Spurgeon elected to three (3) year term on the Sunday School and League Board by acclamation.

Report of Location Committee read. Motion to receive the report for consideration. Motion amended to read—"That the Executive Board take the authority to investigate possibilities

of holding the association at another suitable place—their voice to be final.”

Report of Business Committee read. Motion to receive the report and dispose of it item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3.

Letter read from Rev. Ollie Latch, Editor of the General Baptist Press, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Copy of contract between the Executive Board and the General Baptist Press read.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4.

Moderator appointed the following as a State Association Publicity Committee:

Rev. O. T. Dixon; Rev. C. B. Dees; Rev. Lester Jones.

Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Ben Scott, and Rev. Willard Darnell were elected as Committee to arrange for a Minister's Conference.

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.

Time given to receive subscriptions to the Gem and Contact.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 9.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 10.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 11.

Motion carried to authorize the Executive Board, if there is shortage of entertainment fund, to pay the difference out of the General Expense Fund.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 12.

Report of Missions Committee read. Motion to receive the report and dispose of it item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3.

Report of Publications Committee read. Motion to receive the report.

Final report of Nominating Committee read. Motion carried to adopt the report.

Report of Youth Camp Committee read. Motion carried to adopt the report in its entirety.

Rev. Ben Scott elected to preach the Introductory Sermon next year.

Rev. Dale Jones elected as alternate.  
Minutes read. Motion to adopt the minute as read.  
Motion to adjourn the business session of the Association  
with the final benediction at the close of the evening service.  
Benediction by Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

## THURSDAY EVENING

Congregational singing led by Rev. Glen Rehkop. Pianist,  
Miss Ruth Anne Williams. Prayer led by Rev. James Davis.

Quartet number by the Rev.'s Glen Rehkop, James Davis,  
Woodrow Matthews, and Ben Scott.

Special songs by the Waterman Quartette.

Duet by Mary Latimer and brother.

Rev. Harvey Hill, Promotional Chairman of the Youth  
Camp Board, presented an account of this year's camp session.  
Prayer of thankfulness led by Rev. Paul Williams. Testimonies  
given by former campers.

Congregational singing led by Rev. O. T. Dixon. Rev. All-  
red presented Rev. Dixon, who spoke on Romans 1:16, and sub-  
ject: "Not Ashamed".

Rev. Harvey Hill presented the financial needs of the camp.  
Offertory prayer offered by Rev. Lester Jones. Amount  
of offering: \$107.44.

Final benediction led by Rev. Lester Jones.

## REGISTRATION

### Ministers

James McCully, Neosho; Rolla D. Smith, 601 Buckley, Flat  
River; Willard Darnell, 205 Rock, Flat River; Lester Hilton,  
Springfield; A. A. Hogue, Cabool; James Davis, Leadington;  
Glen Rehkop, Fredericktown; Harvey E. Hill, 8914 Springdale,  
Berkley; Mary Wellbaum, Highland, Kansas; Benny Watson,  
1723 W. Scott, Springfield; W. A. Hales, 3120 Mt. Pleasant,  
St. Louis; Lester Jones, Kirksville; Vinita Broyles, 2942 W.  
Elm, Springfield; Wayne Parsons, Rt. 2, Arnold, Mo.; John  
Long, Desloge; C. B. Dees, Box 624, Flat River; Frank Linton,  
306 E. Chestnut, Springfield; Russell B. Spurgeon, Myrtle;  
Leonard Keys, Norwood; C. D. Finley, Hartville; O. L. Clax-  
ton, Seymour, Rt. 3; Willis Brown, Seymour, Rt. 3; John Moore,  
Grove Springs; Roena Thomas, Liberal, Rt. 2; Alice Dickey,  
5504 Appleton, Kansas City, Mo.; Leslie Logsdon, Richwoods;  
Edith Marbut, Monett, Rt. 1; Alta Mikel, Greentop; Henry  
Long, 1919 W. Webster, Springfield; E. E. Vestal, Grove  
Spring; Dale Jones, Lebanon; J. E. Corey, Maywood; Lee  
Spain, Modesto, Calif.; Geo. W. Scott, Mountain Grove, Rt. 1,



Box 1a; Homer B. Smith, Mountain Grove, Rt. 3; Glenn Jones, Lebanon; Jerry Thompson, 3559 Orchard Dr., St. Ann; Bill Turnbough, 4346a Vista, St. Louis; Elmer Turnbough, 140 Capri Dr., Florissant, Mo.; Johnny Land, 4540 Wichita, St. Louis; Len Gardner, Climax Springs; F. D. Johnson, 286 W. Monroe, Lebanon; Raymond Riggs, Nashville, Tenn.; Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.; H. C. Beasley, 306 Cedar, Flat River; O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove; Elmer Snyder, Huggins; Mary Wester, Marshfield; Mary Latimer, Springfield; Wm. Reeves, Nianqua; Woodrow Matthews, 502 W. Elizabeth, Kirksville; Lloyd Jeffries, 304 Euclid, Monett; Paul Williams, 2522 Picher, Joplin; Eunice Edwards, Desloge; Ben Scott, Fredericktown; Don McCoy, Embree; A. J. Kelsey, Hartville; Fred Marler, 708 N. Divisdro, Visala, Calif.; O. D. Matthews, Fredericktown; Selph Jones, Aldrich; W. R. Rush, St. Joseph; Herbert Vandivoort, Cabool; Otto Mackey, Monett.

### Delegates

Mickey Cummins, John McClure, Edna Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Cansler, Verna Stilley, Lois Hightower, Vesta Wantland, Stella Matthews, Jene Mikel, Mrs. John Camern, Mrs. Young Merritt, Bernice Butts, Thelma Hicks, Lucille Franklin, Myrl York, Mrs. Otto Mackey, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Sylvia Robertson, Joan Eades, Virginia Eades, Dorothy Robertson, Essie Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pirtle, Mrs. Dora Harper, Laura Corey, Freda Griffin, Laura Underwood, Evelyn Rehkop, Christina Halbrook, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cantrell, Mildred Layman, Allene Dotson, Steve Clift, Deltha Marbut, Mr. and Mrs. Elba Harbison, Mrs. Russell Spurgeon, Betty O'Haver, Peggy McElhinney, Bonnie Griswold, Neta McElhinney, Vernon Maggert, Patty Drennan, Jannie Adkins, Jerry Pinkerton, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Janell Scott, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. Wayne Parsons, Mrs. Dorothy McElhinney, Mae Belle James, Dollie Pohnert, Bill Gregory, Jeff McCully, Albert Williams, Ruth Williams, Blanche Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mackey, Ettie Logsdon, Wallace Peterson, Neta Coiner, Inez Clift, Martha Johnson, Liza Layman, Ruth Dotson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Scott, Mrs. Myrtle Long, Leona Thompson, Bertha Souden, Emma Beabout, Jane Shaffer, Mrs. W. K. Elliot, Margarete Dixon, Gussie Hamblin, Mary Lower, Lorene Pohnert, Mr. and Mrs. Louis McNellis, Iva Black, Jack McAllister, Bonnie Stephens, Dorothy Evans, Georgia McDaniel, Mrs. C. D. Finley, Earline Brakefield, Raymond Helsley, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wilfong, Margarete Wilfong, Hazel McKeel, Myrtle Cornelson, Ella Patton, Bessie Keys, Mrs. Bessie Hogue, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Davis, Theo Bough, Olga Helsley, Martha Hickman, Jo Anne Kittrell, Ance Alexander, Emma Peterson,

Iva Corey, Mrs. James McCully, Mrs. Lyle Roller, Mrs. J. McCully, Belle Coffey, Lee Ann Turnbough, Roxie Turnbough, Reva Prinz, Throa Grider, Elva Turnbough, Gladys Turnbough, Lena Johnson, Margarete Wantland, Elva Resse, Ova Linder, Christine Dees, Chas. Edwards, Peggy Edwards, Mrs. Milford House, John Vestal, Oma Scott, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Braxine Evans, Lucille Gardner, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Lucille Sells, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Mrs. Will Gates, Mrs. Wm. Reeves, Mrs. J. E. Corey.

#### Deacons

W. E. Hamilton, Calvin Price, Floyd Peterson, J. K. Stevens, W. L. Chandler, Wm. H. Gates, Willie Johnson, Ross Thomas, J. E. Adams, Oscar Yeager, Elmer Ellington, Lee McElhinney, John Bough, Raymond Dickey, Frank Spencer, Ernest Clift, Ray Dodson, J. A. McKeel, John S. Shickman, Lyle Roller, Milford House, Leeman Underwood, Chas. H. Taylor, Woodrow Montgomery, Homer Mosier, W. O. Wester, J. E. Cockrell, Paul Fast, Orville Foger, Frank J. Franklin, Jesse Cameron, Ernest Cantrell.

#### Visitors

Mrs. Estel Hall, Lois and Louise Lucas, Mrs. Roy Nichols, Gary Ansler, Mrs. Cy Carpenter and Reggie, Mrs. Hazel Williams, Margarete Evans, Frances Foger, Jewell Foger, Janie Fast, Mr. and Mrs. Chester DeArmond, Gloria Matthews, Dixie, Karen, Roger, Dennis Matthews, Paula Wantland, Edna Thomas, Audrie Dill, Jewell Mabery, Alta Mabery, Charles Ray Franklin, Minnie Price, Daisy Morton, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Waterman, Mrs. Ernest Cantrell, Alpha Admire, Josie Berry, Rosie Biggs, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Ruth Garrett, Ida Garrett, Meda Stevens, Lula Cantrell, Mrs. Dale Cantrell, Ralph Stout, Sue and Pam Underwood, Carlyn Rehkop, Raymond Halbrook, Annie Lou McElhinney, Joyce Davis, Patsy O'Haver, Carol McElhinney, Gladys Fillmer, Mrs. Estelle Linder, Gary Matthews Lannie Deckard, Mrs. Wallace Peterson and Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pendergraft, Mr. Don Peterson, Phillip Peterson, Virginia Fowler, Wayne Veach, Lucy Wisehart, John Patton, Emma Hefton, Will Dotson, Joseph and Marvin Mackey, Freda Haile, Eve Helsley, Bertha Adamson, Gene Wilfong, Linda Smith, Rickey McCulley, David, Teddy, Jeffrey Turnbough, Mae Buttram, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hartley, Gertie Dudley, Benna Mae Dees, Dale House, Jeanie, Kathryn, Waynelle Parsons, Beth Smith, Randy Scott, Romona Riggs, Lexia Gardner, Alonzo Hawkins, James McCully, Jimmy Sells, Gordon Beatty, Mary Ruth Wisehart, Jack Walton.

# Reports

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Location, recommend that we meet here at the Youth Camp for the 1957 session.

We further recommend that the Executive Board officially handle the arrangements in order not to impose on the community.

Ammended to read: That the Executive Board take the authority to investigate the possibilities of holding the Association at another suitable place. Their voice to be final.

O. T. Dixon  
Henry Long  
Willard Darnell

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## MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the committee on missions, submit the following report:

1. We, recommend that each local association, under the direction of the National Missions Departments, sponsor a Missionary Conference at least once this year.

2. Due to the great expense involved in preparation for medical missionaries and the fact that Bro. Laverne Miley is a native of Missouri, we recommend that our churches receive an offering for them October 7, 1956.

We further recommend that we continually remember them in prayer.

3. Since we can get so much information about the accomplishments and needs of our missions departments through the News Letters sent out each month, we recommend that each pastor make sure that each family in his church is on these mailing lists.

Signed:

Mrs. Rolla Smith   Mrs. Russell Weisman   Tony Davis  
Lester Jones   Lucille Beatty

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## YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Youth Camp Committee, recommend the following items:

1. That each pastor urge his church to organize a youth auxiliary.

2. That each church accept the project suggested to them by the Youth Camp Board, and support it with their financial, physical, and spiritual strength.

3. That each church support the Youth Camp regularly, and that individuals adopt the Dollar-A-Month Club.

4. That each pastor promote interest with his youth to attend Youth Camp.

5. That some member of the Youth Camp Board attend each district associational meeting to promote the Youth Camp.

Signed:

Paul Williams      Russell R. Spurgeon      Glenn Rehkop

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### YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from 1954-55 .....	\$ 240.16
Received General fund .....	1,627.47
Received May special drive .....	779.72
From Dollar-A-Month Club .....	481.00
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	\$2,888.19

\$3,128.35

#### *Disbursements of General Fund:*

Treasurer's bond .....	\$ 5.00
Paid Caretaker (Salary to Sept. 27) .....	125.00
For Lumber .....	74.20
Interest at Bank on note .....	250.00
Paid Stigman Lumber Co.	
(on debt) .....	1,300.00
Interest on debt .....	79.69
General expense, Lights, etc., .....	777.14
(Payment on gas tank, printing,	
Labor, postage, milage,	
Supplies) .....	\$2,611.83
Balance .....	\$ 516.52

#### *1956 Camp Session:*

Paid by registration .....	\$1,642.00
Special offerings and cold	
drink stand .....	549.47
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	\$2,191.47
Expenses of entire session .....	\$1,641.04

\$ 550.43

Balance in all funds

August 1, 1956 .....

\$1,066.95

(Signed) Rev. Wm Reeves

## Financial Report

Carried forward from last year .....	\$153.32
Received from Central West League .....	7.75
Received this year with reports .....	152.19
<b>Total forwarded and received .....</b>	<b>\$313.26</b>

### Disbursements—

National League Board dues for	
Sword Drill Contestant .....	\$ 1.50
Expense of Sword Drill Contestant	
To National Convention .....	35.00
Phone Call to John West .....	1.10
Stamps .....	6.00
Rev. West .....	40.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 83.60</b>
<b>Balance on Hand .....</b>	<b>\$229.66</b>

O. T. Dixon, Sec.-Treas.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *Executive Board Members:*

- 5 year term—Deacon John Bough
- 3 year term—Rev. O. T. Dixon

### *Superannuation Board Members:*

- 5 year term—Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys
- 3 year term—Rev. Dale Jones

### *Youth Encampment Board Members:*

- 5 year term—Rev. Harvey E. Hill
- 3 year term—Rev. Woodrow Matthews

### *Sunday School and League Board Members:*

- 3 year term—Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon

### *Statistician:*

Miss Leona Thompson

### *Delegates to the National Association:*

Mr. Virgil Cantrell, Mrs. Bernice Cantrell, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans, Miss Margaret Evans, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. H. C. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McCully, Mrs. John Long, Mrs. C. B. Dees, Mrs. Russell B. Spurgeon, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mrs. Glen Rehkop, Mrs.

Woodrow Matthews, Mrs. Ben Scott, Mrs. Harvey Hill, Mr. John Bough, Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Lucille Beatty, Mrs. Homer Smith, Mrs. John Rogers, Mrs. James Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Avery DeWitt, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Miss Sylvia Robertson, Mr. J. K. Stephens, Vallie Grout, Reva Prinz, Gene Mikel, Alberta Hoover, Thora Grider, Mrs. Theo Bough, Tony Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Boland, Mrs. Willard Darnell.

We recommend the preceeding as delegates to the National Association and the moderator be empowered to fill Missouri's assigned quota.

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## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER

### *Regular fund receipts as follows:*

Former Treas., John Bough	Sept. 29, 1955	....	\$ 939.37
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Oct. 3, 1955	.....	105.16
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Nov. 3, 1955	.....	44.97
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Dec. 2, 1955	.....	218.22
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Jan. 4, 1956	.....	117.07
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Feb. 3, 1956	.....	104.94
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	March 3, 1956	....	58.36
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	April 3, 1956	.....	103.70
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	May 2, 1956	.....	100.17
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	June 2, 1956	.....	99.38
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	July 5, 1956	.....	97.64
State Treas., Mrs. Edwards	Aug. 2, 1956	.....	145.59

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Total Receipts ..... \$2,134.57

### *Disbursements as follows:*

Rev. Harry Beatty for Alton church	Oct. 19, 1955	\$ 500.00
Grant Avenue Church of Springfield	May 17, 1956	750.00
Rolla D. Smith, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	22.50
A. W. Brook, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	7.00
Paul Williams, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	7.00
Harry Beaty, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	14.00
Lester Jones, traveling expense	May 17, 1956	26.00
Fellowship Church, Flat River	May 16, 1956	11.29

(Phone Calls)

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Total Disbursements ..... \$1,337.79

Balance in Treasury, Aug. 6, 1956 ..... \$ 796.78

## GEM FUND

### *Receipts as follows:*

O. T. Allred, Nov. 28, 1955 .....	\$5,800.00
O. T. Allred Jan. 3, 1956 .....	70.84
O. T. Allred, sale of supplies July 5, 1956 .....	4.65
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$5,875.49</b>

### *Disbursements as follows:*

O. T. Allred, services in handling the sale of Gem property, Dec. 5, 1955 .....	\$ 75.00
One half (1/2) of receipts of the sale of Gem transferred to Home Mission Loan Fund .....	2,897.92
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$2,972.92</b>
<b>Balance in Treasury, Aug. 6, 1956 .....</b>	<b>\$2,902.57</b>

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## HOME MISSION LOAN FUND

### *Receipts as follows:*

Transferred from Gem Fund .....	\$2,897.92
O. T. Allred, sale of supplies, July 5, 1956 .....	4.65
Grant Avenue Church Aug. 2, 1956 .....	50.00
(Loan payment)	
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3,002.57</b>

### *Disbursements as follows:*

Grant Avenue F.W.B. Church, May 17, 1956 .....	\$2,250.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<b>Balance in treasury, Aug. 6, 1956 .....</b>	<b>\$ 752.57</b>
<b>Total amount on hand of combined funds .....</b>	<b>\$4,451.92</b>

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## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. That we abstain from and go on record as firmly disapproving the sale and use of all alcoholic beverages.
2. That we heartily favor local option.
3. We further recommend that our State Association send a letter to the office of the Governor endorsing said local option.

4. We also recommend that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation in our social relationship with both the saved and unsaved.

5. We admonish the Free Will Baptist people to be modest in dress. (II Peter 1:6).

Altal Mikel  
Margarete Dixon  
Oletha Parsons  
Braxine Evans  
Mrs. Will Gates

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## REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

By Secretary-Treasurer

Balance brought forward .....	\$283.60
Money received from Oct. 1955 to August 1956 .....	122.21
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$405.81</u>

Disbursements as follows:

Christmas Checks, December 3, 1955 .....	\$ 75.00
1. Bro. B. F. Brown .....	\$25.00
2. Bro. John Johnson .....	25.00
3. Bro. George Scott .....	25.00
	<u>\$75.00</u>

Total Disbursements .....	\$ 75.00
Balance on hand, August 14, 1956 .....	<u>\$330.81</u>

Signed:

John D. Long, Sec. Treas.

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## OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Obituary Committee, submit to the will of God, who through His wisdom, has called fifty-five (55) of our number. We ask that we stand in silent prayer in memory of our dear brothers and sisters, followed by prayer.

Signed:

John Long  
James McCully  
Bill Turnbough



## PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Publications Committee, submit the following report: Whereas the Free Will Baptist *Gem*, a monthly organ published by the Missouri State Association, carries news items of vital interest to our work in the state, and whereas *Contact* is a national monthly publication which carries news items of denominational-wide interest, we recommend that all our churches adopt the "Family Plan" of subscription for both papers.

Signed:

Harry Beatty  
W. A. Hales  
Milford House

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## BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We recommend that a committee of three (3) be elected to make arrangements for a state-wide minister's conference to be held at the Youth Camp sometime during 1957.

2. We recommend that the moderator appoint a publicity committee of three (3) to publicize the 1957 session of the Missouri State Association.

3. We recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to renew the contract with General Baptist Press for one (1) year on the same terms as last year.

4. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10 percent of its total income to the State Co-operative Fund to be allotted this year as follows:

National Co-operative Fund —70 percent.

State General Fund— 5 percent.

State Home Missions —17 percent.

*Gem*—7½ percent.

State Superannuation—½ percent.

5. We recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws be printed in the minutes this year.

6. We recommend that \$2000.00 be transferred from the *Gem* Fund to the Home Missions Loan Fund.

7. We recommend that By-Law number 9 be changed to read as follows: \$300 per year instead of \$120.

8. We recommend that Rev. Albert Halbrook be employed as Editor of the *Gem* and Secretary-Treasurer of the state association. We further recommend that he be paid \$60.00 per month as editor.

9. We recommend that Rev. and Mrs. Lester Jones be employed as a state Home Mission team to work under the direction of the State Home Mission Board under the following terms:

1. Salary to be \$65.00 per week including a two-week paid vacation.

2. Allowance for rent and moving to be \$20.00 per week.

3. Allowance for travel to be five (5) cents per mile when surveying a new field.

4. A sixty-day (60) notice to be given should either party desire to terminate the contract.

10. We recommend that \$1500.00 be transferred from the general fund to the Home Mission Fund.

11. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given to Bro. and Sister Reeves, the Youth Camp Board, the Liberty Association, and the surrounding community, and to everyone who has had a part in so wonderfully entertaining this state meeting.

12. We recommend that Mrs. Edwards be given a standing vote of thanks for her efficient and sacrificial service in the capacity of Clerk-Treasurer and Editor of the *Gem*.

Rolla Smith  
James Davis  
Dale Jones  
John Bough  
Woodrow Matthews

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## STATE TREASURER'S REPORT: 1955-1956

### *Co-operative Fund*

Amount received .....	\$10,962.80
Amount disbursed (as follows) .....	\$10,962.80
National Co-op Fund .....	\$ 7,673.98
General Expense Fund .....	1,315.51
State Home Mission Fund .....	1,096.27
Free Will Baptist Gem .....	822.23
State Superannuation .....	54.81
Total .....	\$10,962.80

### *Missions Fund*

Amount Received .....	\$ 1,335.34
Amount disbursed (as follows) .....	1,335.34
Foreign Missions .....	\$ 934.73
Home Missions .....	\$ 400.61

*Foreign Missions*

Amount received .....	\$1,480.27
Amount disbursed .....	1,480.27

*F. W. B. Bible College*

Amount received .....	\$ 238.63
Amount disbursed .....	238.63

*Tennessee Orphanage*

Amount received .....	\$ 58.88
Amount disbursed .....	58.88

*National Home Missions*

Amount received .....	\$ 301.32
Amount disbursed .....	301.32

*State Home Missions*

Amount Received .....	\$ 102.36
Amount disbursed .....	102.36

*Hanna Fund*

Amount received .....	\$ 436.94
Amount disbursed .....	436.94

*Robert Wilfong Fund*

Amount received .....	\$ 200.00
Amount disbursed .....	200.00

*Hersey Fund*

Amount received .....	\$45.00
Amount disbursed .....	45.00

*Wanda Edwards Fund*

Amount received .....	\$ 211.88
Amount disbursed .....	211.88

*Youth Camp*

Amount received .....	\$ 606.41
Amount disbursed .....	606.41

*State Superannuation*

Amount received .....	\$ 67.41
Amount disbursed .....	67.41
Amount brought forward .....	172.37
Balance on hand .....	172.37

*Gem Fund*

Amount received (subs., gifts, supplies, books) .....	\$ 1,478.24
Amount received from Co-op .....	822.23

Total receipts .....	2,300.47
Amount disbursed .....	2,239.62
Balance .....	60.85

*Wisehart Fund*

Amount received .....	\$ 394.74
Amount disbursed .....	394.74

*State Entertainment Fund*

Amount received .....	\$ 135.00
Amount on hand .....	135.00

*State General Expense*

Amount received .....	\$ 1,510.43
Amount brought forward .....	1,007.05
Amount disbursed .....	529.35
Balance on hand .....	\$1,988.13
Gem Fund .....	60.85
Entertainment Fund .....	135.00
National Home Missions .....	1.80
Superannuation .....	172.37
Total Amount Received .....	\$18,058.50
Total Amount Disbursed .....	\$16,543.86
Total Balance an Hand .....	\$ 2,358.15

(American State Bank, Flat River, Mo.)

# STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

	Cave Springs	C. W. Missouri	Indian Creek	Laclede County	Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast Missouri	Northwest Missouri	Southeast Missouri	STATE TOTAL
No. Associations reporting.....											
No. Local Ass'ns July 1, 1955....											
Ass'ns rec'd Jul. 1, '55-Jun. 30, '56.											
No. Ass'ns disbanded.....											
Total No. Ass'ns June 30, 1956.											
No. Churches reporting.....	21	7	11	10	10	26	5	8	4	24	126
No. Churches July 1, 1955.....	23	7	11	10	10	25	5	9	6	21	127
Ch'ches rec'd Jul 1, '55-Jun 30, '56.	1	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	3	5
No. Churches disbanded.....	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	None
Total No. Churches June 30, 1956..	24	7	11	10	10	26	5	9	6	24	132
State of religion.....	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
No. Churches without pastor....											
Membership July 1, 1955.....	1331	514	858	624	1067	1560	527	467	194	2351	9493
Mem. rec'd Jul. 1, '55-Jun. 30, '56..	94	6	88	20	77	100	11	24	10	262	692
No. Baptized.....	51	6	50	12	49	50	3	32	6	132	391
No. Dismissed by Letter.....	107	15	10	4	18	33	5	10	6	103	311
No. Excluded.....	3	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	0	14	25
No. Deceased.....	10	1	8	4	2	13	4	5	3	11	61
Resident Members.....	968	238	637	431	744	1151	327	334	103	2247	7180
Non-Resident Membrs.....	481	266	401	213	368	459	196	132	101	363	2980
Total Membership June 30, 1956....	1449	504	1038	644	1122	1610	523	453	204	2510	10,057
No. Tithers.....	23		40	41	0	69		66	12	272	523
No. Prayer Meetings.....	7	7	11	6	4	8	3	7	0	25	78
Condition of Prayer Meetings...	Fair	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	0	Good	Good
No. of Leagues.....	3	6	8	0	2	10		2	0	21	51
Condition of Leagues.....	Good	Fair	Good	0	Good	Good		Good	0	Good	Good
League Membership.....	125	104	210	0	35	376		74	2	989	1923
No. Auxiliaries or Home Missions.	2	2	6	0	3	3		4	2	12	34
Condition of Aux. or Home M'sns.	Good	Good	Good	0	Good	Good		Good	Good	Good	Good
Mem. of Aux. or Home Missions...	40	30	114	0	56	79		66	24	198	607
No. of Sunday Schools.....	20	7	11	7	10	26	5	9	3	25	123
Condition of Sunday Schools.....	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good
Total Enrollment of S. S.....	860	389	736	255	648	1150	311	426	93	2632	7500

	Cave Spring	C. W. Missouri	Indian Creek	Laclede County	Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast Missouri	Northwest Missouri	Southeast Missouri	STATE TOTAL
No. Sunday School officers.....	49	38	60	20	34	91	18	47	10	107	474
No. Sunday School teachers.....	91	33	68	22	43	98	19	48	12	193	627
No. Ordained Ministers.....	28	10	25	19	18	37	7	7	5	36	192
No. Licensed Ministers.....	1	1	17	0	2	4	1	4	0	7	37
No. Ordained Deacons.....	63	25	41	28	32	75	14	27	6	77	388
Value of Church Property.....	\$25,600.00	\$29,515.00	\$82,000.00	\$18,500.00	\$58,000.00	\$121,600.00	\$17,500.00	\$83,000.00	\$24,200.00	\$398,350.00	\$858,265.00
Amount Paid Pastor.....	8,041.49	2,346.23	11,455.00	2,222.25	8,365.34	13,691.00	1,858.53	5,706.91	1,008.00	43,014.35	97,709.10
Amount for Evangelistic work..	667.16	575.60	1,313.00	341.55	947.37	1,869.00	618.43	1,078.96	65.00	3,388.43	10,864.50
Am't for Building and Repair..	8,879.64	2,824.93	3,095.00	272.45	2,680.16	5,143.00	1,423.71	2,429.88	3,018.87	38,816.20	68,583.84
Amount for Incidentals.....	1,207.37	1,512.55	3,553.72	288.77	1,722.08	884.47	180.06	1,378.04	352.22	20,403.29	31,482.57
Amount for Missions:	267.01		950.00				76.11	76.18		2,827.83	4,197.13
Home.....	100.42	122.16	643.00	50.00	296.53	315.04	24.36	420.51	15.34	1,201.75	3,189.11
Foreign.....	166.59	103.30	307.00	25.00		54.00	51.75	659.84		1,901.91	3,269.39
Amount for Education.....	536.73	64.05	551.00		104.07	71.71	234.72	590.20	10.00	1,911.04	4,073.52
Amount for Superannuation....			67.00			71.14					138.14
Amount for Orphanage.....	100.82	61.65	5.00			16.00		73.43		283.15	540.05
Amount for Youth Camp.....	30.00	495.24	304.00	5.00	39.00	62.75	46.50	164.54	34.34	932.75	2,132.12
Amount for Co-operative Fund..	330.69	547.50	462.00			651.25	44.82	642.29		7,856.35	10,534.90
Amount for Unified Fund.....	18.50				4.00		104.00				126.50
Amount for Headquarters Fund..	95.18									160.00	255.18
Amount for Budget.....		51.75	47.75		34.00	24.00		27.25		153.34	338.09
Amount for Minutes.....	50.87	3.00	46.50	50.00	66.00	72.60	40.00			161.00	489.97

# Sunday School and League Reports

Church:	Pastor:	Ave. S. S. Attendance	Ave. League Attendance	Offering
N. Harmony (Green Top).....				\$16.39
Hazel Creek (Kirksville).....				6.50
Mt. Pisgah (Cabool).....				5.00
Farmington.....				2.00
Carterville.....	Kenneth Turner .....	36	13	
Liberty.....	William Reeves .....	35		
Wellston.....	Harry R. Asher .....	66	55	5.00
1st of Springfield.....	Henry Long .....	163		5.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	Ezra Butts .....	42	30	5.00
1st of Joplin.....	Paul Williams .....	40	16	
Richwood.....	Lesley Logsdon .....	81	30	4.00
New Rock Springs.....	Marion Allsman & Charles Findley .....	30		
Twin Oak.....	Williard Darnell .....	52	30	5.00
Rock Chapel.....	Winiford Davis .....	49	30	5.00
Fredericktown.....	Ben Scott .....	157	50	
No. 1 F. W. Baptist.....	Guy Hutsell .....	50	40	1.00
Thayer.....	Harry Beatty .....	87	48	5.00
Wolf Creek.....	Lester Lawler .....	35		2.50
Hickory Grove.....	Ralph Cook .....	40	18	
Coppermines.....	Glen Rehkop .....	98	43	5.00
1st of Mt'n. Grove.....	O. T. Dixon .....	180	75	5.00
1st of Kansas City.....	Alice Dickey .....	94	12	
New Harmony.....	Mildred Gilliam .....	58		3.00
Berkeley City.....	Harvey Hill .....	154	59	
Myrtle.....	Russel B. Spurgeon .....	60	40	
Farmington.....	James Barker .....	47	21	
Faith and Hope.....	Lee Maxwell .....	30	25	1.00
Salem.....	Lawrence Tompson..	39	29	
Garfield.....	Davie Combs .....	60	40	
1st of Monett.....	James T. Davis .....	124	26	5.00
Leadington.....	Eunice Edwards .....	99	23	10.00
4th F. W. Baptist.....	Elmer Turnbough ..	60	28	10.00
Mountain Valley.....	Homer Smith .....	50	30	2.00
Lebanon.....	Lavern Jones .....	52		3.00
Alton.....	C. A. Dodson .....	55		2.00
Mill Creek.....	O. D. Matthews .....	55	21	2.00
Hartville.....	Charley Findley .....	45		3.00
Dutch Chapel.....	H. S. Vandivort .....	30		
Fellowship.....	Rolla Smith .....	189	60	10.00
South-side.....	W. A. Hales .....	218	75	
Desloge Parkview.....	John Long .....	100	27	

## Women's Auxiliary Convention

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Youth Camp Grounds at Niangua, Missouri, August 22, 1956. The theme of the convention was, "Using What We Have".

Congregational singing directed by Mrs. Agnes Smith. Pianist, Miss Mary Ruth Wisehart.

Devotional led by Mrs. Margret Dixon, using John 15:1-16, followed by prayer.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, president, took charge. She welcomed the workers, delegates, and visitors. Mrs. Jones presented the speaker of the hour, Miss Lucy Wisehart, missionary on furlough from Cuba. Miss Wisehart spoke from Exodus 4:1-4, using as a subject, "What is that in thine hand?"

An invitation hymn was sung.

President called for registration of delegates.

President granted time for the reading of a report by the Moderator of the State Association.

Benediction by Rev. Lester Hilton.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Mrs. Agnes Smith. Pianist, Miss Mary Latimer.

Devotional given by Mrs. Margret Wantland. Scripture read, Psalms 43. Prayer by Mrs. Wantland.

Trio number by the Misses Mary Ruth and Lucy Wisehart and Mrs. Agnes Smith.

President seated all Auxiliary delegates and the pastors where there is an active Auxiliary in their church.

Message by the President on the theme of the program.

Annual Statistical Report read by Secretary.

Treasurer's Report read and received.

Finance Committee Report read and received.

Motion carried to send the following as delegates to the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in 1957: Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. Ben Scott, Mrs. W. K. Weston, Mrs. Russell Weisman, Mrs. Leona Holt, Mrs. Mary Wellbaum, Mrs. Alta Mikel, Mrs. Woodrow Matthews, and Mrs. John Long.

Report of Registration Committee read and received.

Report of Appreciation Committee read and received.

Report of Credentials Committee read and accepted.

Report of Business Committee read and received for discussion.

Items No. 1; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 adopted.



Motion that in event contestants qualify for the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention Declamation Contest, and appear before the Executive Committee, that the winner be sent as Missouri's contestant to the convention.

Report of Nominating Committee read and adopted.

President recognized the YPA and GTA members present. Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. Lucille Beatty introduced Miss Maybelle James and Miss Dolly Pohnert who presented a playlet entitled "Aunt Martha Wins the Victory".

Installation service conducted by Mrs. Lucille Beatty. Dedicatory prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

## REPORTS

### REGISTRATION

Delegates present—31, Visitors—46, Pastors—6.

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined the reports and found the Convention Dues correct from: South East District, North East District, Kansas City, Thayer, and Mountain Grove Auxiliaries.

Signed: By the Committee.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Signed: By the Committee.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We submit the following nominations: President, Mrs. Myrtle Jones; Enlistment Chairman, Mrs. Lucille Beatty; Youth Chairman, Mrs. O. T. Dixon; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Agnes Smith; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Reva Prinz; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Russell Weisman; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wayne Parsons; Recording Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Genelle Scott.

Signed: By the Committee.

### BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We recommend:

1. That each Auxiliary be responsible for 60c per member to reach the assigned State quota of \$200.00 for the

National project for this year. The project is the purchasing of a tent to be used by the National Home Mission Board, and the total project is not to exceed \$2000.00.

2. That the Corresponding Secretary be assigned the task of publicizing the Tent Project, and the cost of same be assumed by the State Convention.

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

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

6. That we pay \$30.00 toward the expense of the winner of the declamation contest to the National Convention.

7. That we pay 5c per mile to the Enlistment Chairman for promotional work done in behalf of the State Convention.

Signed: By the Committee.

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. We wish to extend our thanks for the faithful service of our worthy president and all other State Officers this year.

2. Also we pray God's blessing on Sis. Eunice Edwards as she leaves the State for another field of service.

3. Also our thanks to Sis. Lucy Wisheart for her service rendered in our State Convention, also we recommend giving her a love offering of \$10.00.

4. Our appreciation and thanks to the women of this district for their loyal hospitality in serving this Convention.

Signed: By the Committee.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Received for Dues:

Kansas City .....	\$ 2.80
Mountain Grove .....	5.60
N. E. Mo. District Convention .....	13.60
Thayer .....	5.20
S. E. Mo. District Convention .....	32.69
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$59.89</b>

**Tithes:**

Fredericktown .....	\$10.89
First .....	9.40
Thayer .....	37.81
Monett .....	5.25
Carterville .....	2.47
S. E. Mo. Dist. Convention .....	11.60

TOTAL ..... \$77.42

GRAND TOTAL ..... \$137.31

**Disbursements:**

State Dues to National .....	\$37.10
Annette Cox (Exp. to Nat'l. Conv.) .....	30.00
Ribbon (Badges) .....	1.50
General Baptist Press (200 Programs — Badges) .....	6.25
Visual Aid .....	11.89
Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Honorarium .....	10.00
Mrs. Myrtle Jones, Honorarium .....	10.00

TOTAL ..... \$106.74

Balance in Treasury, August 22, 1956 ..... \$163.38

Signed: Secretary-Treasurer.

**CONSTITUTION**

1. This Association shall be called the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. The object of this Association shall be for the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one great annual gathering, so they can get better acquainted with each other, and for the upbuilding of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Missouri for the salvation of souls.

3. The Association shall be composed of duly elected delegates, elected by the bodies holding membership in this body.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose terms of

office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years; and at the expiration of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years who shall hold office until his successors are elected; and further, if any vacancy occur between sessions of the Association, the Board shall fill such vacancy or vacancies until the next Association; who shall perform the following duties: First, shall be the legal corporation of the Association with the corporate name of the Board of Trustees of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists; to be a board of Missions and Church Extension, to secure, hold, use and convey money, homes or lands for the propagation of the gospel in connection with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Second, to receive, hold, manage, use, control, or convey any property entrusted to the Association for and in accordance with the donor's purpose. Said Board of Trustees shall also compose the Home Mission Board. They may be chosen from ministers, deacons, or delegates.

5. This Association shall not usurp any authority over the Quarterly Meetings, or Associations that shall be under its supervision, but shall be an advisory body to help them.

6. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more bodies, belonging to this Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

7. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, and in their absence, the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to order for business, and call the Moderator or Assistant Moderator to the chair, and if neither Moderator nor Assistant Moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as Moderator. On taking his chair, the Moderator shall call for the reading of the letters from the different bodies composing this Association, and after letters are read he shall seat the delegates. After the delegates are seated, the election of officers shall be in order.

8. Any organized Quarterly Meeting, Yearly Meeting or Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session, through a letter or delegates by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

9. This Constitution may be added to, amended or changed at any regular session of this body by a two-thirds vote of all members present, after written notice of the contemplated change has been published in the official paper three months previous to the session at which such change is to take place.

## BY-LAWS

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any member, but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

3. No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the Moderator.

4. Any member of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

5. No one shall leave the Association without the consent of the Moderator.

6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator," but shall speak no further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it is likely to lead to discord and division.

8. The officers of this body shall submit, at every annual session, a report of the work done for this Association.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; be responsible for all funds received and disbursed; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorarium of one hundred twenty (120.00) dollars per year.

10. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by standing vote unless otherwise requested or ordered by the body.

12. All resolutions and reports shall bear the names of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, then the Clerk shall not read the resolution or report.

13. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, 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.

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