



MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-Fourth Annual Session
OF
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
of Free Will Baptists

Held With
Monett Free Will Baptist Church
MONETT, MO.

AUGUST 19-23, 1957



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OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo.
Clerk-Treas. Rev. Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte, Mo.
Statistician Miss Leona Thompson, Greentop, Mo.

EXECUTIVE AND HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Paul Williams, Jopin, Mo. 1958
Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Mo. 1959
Rev. Harry Beatty, Thayer, Mo. 1960
John Bough, Stockton, Mo. 1961
Rev. Rolla Smith, Flat River, Mo. 1962

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Ben Scott, Fredericktown, Mo. 1958
Rev. Dale Jones, Lebanon, Mo. 1959
Rev. John Long, Desloge, Mo. 1960
Rev. Lloyd Jeffreys, Monett, Mo. 1961
Rev. Henry Long, Springfield, Mo. 1962

YOUTH ENCAMPMENT BOARD

Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Kirksville, Mo. 1958
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Niangua, Mo. 1959
Rev. Paul Williams, Joplin, Mo. 1960

Rev. Harvey Hill, Berkeley City, Mo. 1961

Rev. Russell Spurgeon, Kansas City, Mo. 1962

The next annual session of this Association will be held at the Youth Camp Grounds, Niangua, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night following the third Sunday in August, 1958, with Rev. Dale Jones, Lebanon, Mo., delivering the Introductory Message, and Rev. James Davis, Leadington, Mo., as the alternate.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY NIGHT

The Missouri State Association met in its 44th Annual Session at the Monett Church, Monett, Missouri, August 19-23, 1957.

The meeting was called to order with congregational singing led by Rev. Glenn Rehkop. The organist was Joan Thomas and pianist Miss Leona Thompson.

Devotions were led by Rev. Bert Hall, Aurora, Mo., reading for the Scripture, Psalms 24 and Proverbs 3:5-6. The congregation engaged in silent prayer.

The Association was called into session by the Clerk, Rev. Albert Halbrook, and presented the Moderator, Rev. O. T. Allred, Monett, Mo.

Following the Moderator's message, Rev. Ben Scott, Fredericktown, Mo., was presented as the messenger of the evening. Rev. Scott announced for his text, Gen. 26:32. The subject was "A Living Message for Dying Man." At the close of the message, Rev. Scott offered prayer, and a closing hymn was sung. Benediction by Rev. John Rogers.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Services were opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Roger Reeds. Pianist was Geneva Barks.

Devotional period led by Rev. Bud Hill, who read Psalms 27, followed by prayer.

Special number by Rev. & Mrs. Charles Moyer.

The Moderator asked standing delegates to stand.

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 Spring, Northeast, Southeast, Central Western, Northwest Mo. and Northeast Kansas, Liberty, Indian Creek and Niangua.

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

Letters of greetings from Rev. Homer Willis, Promotional Secretary of National Home Mission Board, and from Miss Lucy Wischart, Missionary to Cuba, were read.

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

Moderator called for the election of officers.

Prayer led by Rev. Charles Moyer in behalf of the election.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Secretary, was requested to moderate the election of the following officers:

Moderator—Rev. O. T. Allred.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Clerk-Treasurer—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Moderator appointed the following as a Committee on Committees to help appoint the other committees: Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mrs. Alice Dickey, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. Ben Scott.

Registration of delegates, visitors, deacons, associational clerks, ministers, and minister's companions.

A hymn was sung, followed by Scripture reading from Psa. 121:1-2 by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon. Rev. Spurgeon conducted a testimonial service.

Recess was declared with benediction offered by Rev. Lester Jones.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Congregational singing led by Rev. Luther Sanders, with Joan Thomas as organist and Mary Latimer as pianist.

Devotions led by Rev. Woodrow Matthews with reading and comments from Psalms 126:1-3; 116:12 followed with prayer.

Solo by Janice Smith. Duet by Mary and David Latimer.

Rev. Harvey Hill, Promotional Secretary of Youth Camp Board, presented the financial needs of the Youth Camp and received pledges to retire the indebtedness against Youth Camp. Offertory prayer offered by Rev. O. T. Dixon and offering was received for the Youth Camp.

Rev. James Davis, Leadington, Missouri, was presented as speaker of the evening and spoke from the text: Mark 6:34. Subject: 'Compulsion of Compassion.'

An invitation was sung.

The pledges for the Youth Camp were announced as \$1587 and the offering \$126.06. Total \$1713.06.

Benediction by Rev. Erickson.

THURSDAY MORNING

Services came to order with congregational singing led by Rev. Bud Hill, with Geneva Barks as pianist.

Devotions conducted by Fred Quinn, with Scripture reading from Deut. 31:6-8, followed with prayer.

Letter from Laclede County Association read. Motion made and carried that letter be received and delegates seated.

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

Report from Sunday School and League Board read and received as information to be recorded in the minutes.

Time was given for late registration.

Report of statistician read and received by motion.

Temperance report read and received by motion. (See reports.)

Financial report and recommendation of Youth Camp Board read by the Secretary of the Board, Rev. William Reeves, and received by motion.

Moderator read the names of the Placement Committee as follows: Revs. Lester Jones, Wm. Reeves, and O. T. Dixon.

The report of the Obituary Committee read. Motion to receive report and comply with request. Prayer led by Rev. Homer Smith. (See reports.)

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

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

Rev. Rolla Smith elected to five (5) year term to the Executive Board by acclamation.

Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon elected to five (5) year term to the Youth Camp Board by acclamation.

Rev. Henry Long elected to five (5) year term to the Superannuation Board by acclamation, and Rev. Ben Scott to term of one (1) year to fill the unexpired term of his deceased father, Rev. George Scott; by acclamation.

Rev. Roger Reeds elected to three (3) year term on Sunday School and League Board by acclamation.

Because of other official positions he held, Rev. O. T. Dixon offered his resignation as member of the Sunday School and League Board. This resignation was accepted by motion and the vacancy referred to the Nominating Committee.

Rev. William Mishler, Promotional Secretary of the National Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, spoke concerning the progress and the needs of that Board.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn business until after noon hour.

THURSDAY—11 O'CLOCK

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bud Hill. Pianist was Miss Mary Latimer.

Devotions by Rev. Gene McCully, with Scripture reading from Psalms 23, followed with prayer.

Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon delivered the morning message, using Scripture and text from Luke 9:51; subject, "Disciple for Christ." At the conclusion of the message, Rev. Spurgeon offered prayer.

The Moderator assumed charge of the service and asked for silent prayer.

Mrs. Elzona Medlin, a member of a Free Will Baptist Church, for seventy-six years, and Rev. B. F. Brown, former editor of the Gem, were recognized.

Benediction by Rev. Otto Mackey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyer. Miss Leona Thompson was pianist.

Solo by Sylvia Robertson.

Devotions were led by Rev. O. T. Dixon, reading from John 14, followed by prayer.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 of Obituary Committee, with the amendment that Rev. T. C. Ferguson's name be inserted.

Rev. John Rogers elected for term of one (1) year to the Sunday School and League Board.

Report of the Nominating Committee on delegates named to the National Association of '58 read and adopted. Seven names from Central Western Association to be added later.

Motion carried that the Moderators of the different Associations of the State send names of possible delegates for National Association.

Report of the Executive Board read and received by motion.

Rev. Lester Jones gave an oral report on Home Mission work.

Report of Business Committee report read, to be adopted item by item.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 with the amendment, the words "the Free Will Baptist Press" be inserted in place of "other quarters".

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3.

A letter from Mr. Ed Runyon, acting manager of the General Baptist Press of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, was read.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 7.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 8.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 9.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 10.

The report of the Mission Committee was read and received in entirety.

In compliance with Item No. 4 of the Mission Committee's report, Rev. Rolla Smith, a member of the National Foreign Mission Board, was given an opportunity to present the work of his respective department.

Motion carried that a vote of appreciation be given to Rev. Smith in recognition of the honor given to him on his re-election to the National Home Mission Board.

Rev. Harvey Hill, a member of the National Home Board, spoke on the work of his respective department.

After the singing of a hymn, the report of the Placement Committee was read and adopted by motion.

Report of the Publication Committee read and adopted.

Report of the Clerk-Treasurer's report read and received.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Charles Moyer.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 12 of the Business Committee.

Motion carried to adopt Item No. 11 of the Business Committee.

In compliance with Item No. 11, the congregation gave a standing vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Sanders, the host church and the Indian Creek Association for the wonderful entertainment and hospitality.

Motion made that the surplus money of the Entertainment Fund be placed in the General Fund, except for \$50.00 to be given to the Monett Church.

Rev. Dale Jones elected to preach the Introductory Sermon for 1958 session of State Meeting.

Rev. James Davis elected as alternate.

Rev. Wm. Mishler, Promotional Secretary of the National Sunday School Board, expressed appreciation for the fine reception given him and the work that he represents.

Oral report of the Ministers' Conference Committee given as information.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Finis Johnson.

THURSDAY EVENING

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bud Hill. Pianist was Miss Mary Latimor. Prayer by Mrs. A. W. Hartley.

Duet numbers by David and Mary Latimor.

An offertory prayer was offered by Rev. James Davis and an offering received for missions to the amount of \$89.32.

A quartet number was sung by Rev. and Mrs. Mrs. Archie Burress and Rev. and Mrs. Rockie Williams.

The congregation sang "Sunlight." Prayer by Bro. Emery Smith.

Solo by Rev. Otto Mackey. Rev. O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove, Missouri, delivering the closing message. Scripture reading from Numbers 23:10; subject, "Sunrise at Sunset." At the close of the message, Rev. Dixon offered prayer and an invitation was sung.

Rev. Sanders, host pastor, expressed his appreciation for those who attended the Association. The Moderator made closing remarks.

Benediction by Rev. Henry Long.

REGISTRATION

MINISTERS

Bud Hill, Box 184 Myrtle; W. K. Weston, 1 Sunset Drive, Monett; John Rogers, 2612 Minnesota, St. Louis; Homer Smith, Route 3, Mountain Grove; Rolla Smith, 601 Buckley; Charles Moyer, Route 2, Farmington; Lester Hilton, 1629 S. New, Springfield; Eunice Edwards, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.; Harvey E. Hill, 8912 Springdale, Berkeley; Lester Jones, 4110 E. 6th Kansas City; Alta Mikel, Greentop; Mary Wellbaum, Highland, Kansas; Bert Hall, Route 2, Aurora; James Davis, Leadington; Gene McCulley, Route 2, Monett; William Reeves, Niangua; James McCully, 1003 Frisco, Monett; Fred Wynn, 777 Darrell St., Mountain Grove; Kenneth Turner, 302 Mineral, Joplin; Hershel Freeman, Manes; Wm. Buster, Rt. 2, Kirksville; Myrtle Black, 601 E. Street, Cassville; L. R. Black, Cassville; Bud Arnold, Richwoods; Willard Darnell, 205 Rock St., Flat River; Henry Long, 1919 W. Webster, Springfield; H. C. Beasley, 306 Cedar, Flat River; Laverne Jones, 725 S. Adam, Lebanon; Harold W. Parson, 3138a Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis; C. B. Dees, Box 624, Flat River; Archie Burress, Rt. 2,

Liberal; John Long, Box 328, Desloge; Russell B. Spurgeon, 108 Askew, Kansas City 23; Keith Johnson, 1104 Webster, West Plains; Dale Jones, Box 544, Lebanon; Edith Marbut, Route 1, Monett; Glen Jones, 2544 Polk St., Lebanon; Glenn Rehkop, Fredericktown; Rogers Reeds, 3120 Mt. Pleasant, St. Louis; Nancy Alexander, 306 Frisco, Monett; Jack McAllister, Holden; Albert Halbrook, Mine La Motte; O. T. Allred, Monett; Otto Mackey, Route 2, Monett; Paul Williams, 2147 Princeton, Joplin; Alice Dickey, Kansas City; Ben Scott, Fredericktown; Harry Beatty, Thayer; Woodrow Matthews, Kirksville; O. T. Dixon, Mountain Grove; Luther Sanders, Monett; James McAllister, W. 40th, Kansas City; Robert Williams, Box 93, Granby; Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett; Opal Jeffreys, Monett; B. F. Brown, Cassville; F. D. Johnson, 286 N. Monroe, Lebanon.

DELEGATES

Louella McCutcheon, Geneva Barks, Joe Stone, Mary Crooks, C. H. Anderson, Mrs. C. H. Anderson, Darlene Griswold, Gussie Hamblen, Anna Wilson, Della Roe, Patty Drennon, Leona Thompson, Mrs. Leona Johnson, Augusta Justice, Lee Justice, Adria Harmon, Mildred Kensinger, Oma Scott, Bonnie Greswold, Janice Smith, Roy Nichols, Jas. A. Cameron, Georgia Glenn, Lizzie Patton, Bertha Wolf, Ethel Latimer, Dorothy Robertson, Pauletta Prott, Linda Prott, Mary Regh, Ruth Wilfong, Harold Wilfong, Ruby McAllister, Lucy Ray, Mrs. Frank Ramsey, Juanita Highfill, Sue Johns, Sandra Cantrell, Elaine Tucker, Edna Lucas, Mrs. Ava McFarlin, Mrs. Pearl Sircum, Sylvia Robertson, Joan Eates, Opal Lierheimer, Robert Hesselmeyer, Beverly Barton, Tom Carlson, Mrs. Virgil Cantrell, Virgil Cantrell, Mrs. Alma Davis, Iva Snell, Mrs. Ora Wisehart, Mrs. Wilma Davis, Lorene Corlson, Gladys Filmer, Nellie Graves, Sally Wilkes, Robert Arlet, Iva Black, Ancel Alexander, Gertie Dudley, Freda Sells, Myrtle Cornelson, Doris Whitson, Hershel Freeman, Thora Grider, Mrs. W. K. Elliott, Mrs. Calvin Price, Nancy Henson, Judy Pogue, May Belle Janes, Dolly Pohnert, Jane Dawning, Elberta Sloan, Bill Crews, Nina Crews, Mrs. Roger Phillips, Artha Hutsell, Gladys Goddard, Jenelle Scott, Ailene Moyer, Faye Hilton, H. E. Mikel, Mrs. Homer Smith, Pearl Allred, Jewell Turner, Louise McCully, Doris Arnold, Lola Long, Ada Jenes, Myrtle Cornelson, Christina Halbrook, Myrtle Long, Myrtle Reed, Oletha Parsons, Patsy Burriss, Opal Williams, Christine Dees, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Lucille Beatty, Elaine Spurgeon, Helen Mackey, Mrs. Lester Jones, Mrs. Rolla Smith, Mrs. Luther Sanders.

DEACONS

Carl Sloan, Tony Davis, Roger Phillips, Homer Mosier, Ray Hutsel, Woodrow Montgomery, Paul Nehrbass, J. E. Cockrell, William Cates, Charlie Franklin, Elmer Ellington, Jesse Cameron, J. K. Stevens, John Bough, P. R. Henderson, George Spare, Ray Forester, Elmer Snell, Jack Andrews, Lyle Roler, Orlie Phillips, Orville Foger, Calvin Price, Kenneth Smith, Willie Bowman.

VISITORS

Frank Ramsey, Bob Darnell, Lucredia Long, Linda Mason, Louise Lucas, Lois Lucas, A. W. Hartely, Mrs. A. W. Hartely, Jessie Cameron, Jeannie Parson, Katherine Parson, Wynelle Parson, Janice Hasiner, Jandell Walders, Kay Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Fultz, Mr. and Mrs. Ora Fanning, Janell Fanning, Gene Wilfong, Joann Cornelison, John McAllister, Donna Jenkins, Henrietta Henderson, Kathy Reed, Timothy Lynn Reed, Linda Childress, Dorothy Childress, Wanda Mackey, Joanna Eccher, Pattie Faylor, Mrs. P. R. Henderson, Mrs. Edna Gentry, Mrs. Mack Andris, Benna Mae Dees, Lucille Griffin, Mildred Millard, Ora George, J. R. Stout, Raymond Halbhook, Lonnie Burress, Randy Burress, Jeffery Burress, Mrs. Carl Martin, Francis Foger, Jewell Foger, Theo Baugh, Lucille Franklin, Charles Ray Franklin, Emmett Mayberry, Gloria Hultreen, Sharron Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Henderson, Linda Dixon, Joan Thomas, Mrs. Laura Stain, Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Mrs. Fred Peterson, William Peterson, Elmer Russell, Linda Smith, Sylvia Brooks, Beth Smith, Richard Gregory, Paula Sue Williams, Jerry Dawning, Irene Gerlt, Kenneth Smith, Carolyn Phillips, Lyla Roller, Linda Sue Mackey, Charles Carlson, Jewell Foger, Berlen Weston, Sherry Weston, Hazel Bowman, Ruby Smith, Bonnie Smith, Becky Terrell, Janette Tyer, Sally Slvan, Mrs. Homer Mosier, Mrs. Woodrow Montgomery, Mrs. Ernest Wallace, Mr. Ernest Wallace, W. L. Evans, Margaret Evans, Mrs. W. L. Evans, Ed Bagwell, Louise Jones, Delpha Young, Pearl Smith, Fern Smith, Bill C. Smith, Floyd Owens, Bertie Raney.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, the Committee on Committees, wish to make the following report:

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE—Rev. Lester Jones, Rev. O. T. Dixon, and Rev. Wm. Reeves.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE—Lucille Beatty, Bernice Cantrell, Alta Mikel, Mrs. Paul Williams, and Agnes Smith.

PULPIT COMMITTEE—Luther Sanders, Harold Wilfong, Mary Regh, Lizzie Patton, and Oma Scott.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE—Rev. Rolla Smith, John Bough, Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Charley Franklin, and Rev. Harry Beatty.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Homer Smith, Rev. John Rogers, Rev. Henry Long, Rev. Bill Buster, Rev. John Long.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE — Rev. H. C. Beasley, Thora Grider, James Cameron, Louella McCutcheon, Dolly Ponert.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Rev. James McCully, Rev. Mary Wellbaum, and Mrs. W. K. Elliott.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE—Rev. Russell Spurgeon, Christina Halbbrook, Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. Buddy Hill, and Rev. Alice Dickey.

Signed:

Rev. O. T. Dixon
Rev. H. H. Beatty
Rev. Woodrow Matthews
Rev. Alice Dickey
Rev. Ben Scott.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next State Association convene at the State Youth Camp for the 1958 session.

O. T. Dixon
Lester Jones
Wm. Reeves.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that each local Association or church, in co-operation with the National Missions Department, sponsor a Missionary Conference or a special Missionary service at least once during the year. We also urge that such meetings be, immediately, reported through the pages of the Gem, in order that other churches will know that they have been conducted.

2. In view of the splendid growth in our Mission efforts and realizing the present need, we recommend that the pastors of our churches urge the laity to join the Missionary Prayer Band with special emphasis placed on the new teams: Mr. and

Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Merkh and family, who are entering Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Meltino Martinez in Miami, Florida, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Whaley, who are going to Alaska. We recommend further that the churches not yet supporting the State Co-operative Program begin to do so, and that all churches give sacrificially to Missions.

3. Since the National Home Missions department, hope this year, to establish a church in the remaining eight states where there are no Free Will Baptist Churches, we urge that this be made a special object of prayer and financial support.

4. We recommend that a few minutes be given to Rev. Rolla Smith, who is a member of the National Foreign Mission Board, and that Rev. Harvey Hill, member of the National Home Board, to present the work of their respective departments.

Mrs. Gene Mikel
Mrs. Paul Williams
Mrs. Virgil Cantrell
Mrs. Rolla Smith
Mrs. Harry Beatty.

YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. We recommend that our Sunday Schools, Leagues, and Auxiliaries pursue, fervently, the effort to retire the entire indebtedness against the Youth Camp by the next session of our Youth Encampment.

2. We recommend the request coming from the Indian Creek Association be deferred for another year until our indebtedness on the Camp is cleared.

3. We wish to extend to this body, our heartfelt thanks for their response to our appeal to the amount of \$1587.00 in pledges and \$126.06 in offering.

Rev. Wm. Reeves, Secretary

YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from 1955-56	\$1066.95
Received from General Fund	1808.80
From Dollar-A-Month Club	322.00
Offerings and Pledges Paid	167.00
Missionary Baptist Youth Session	115.00
Offerings unmarked	29.92
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	\$3509.67

1957 Camp Session:

Board and Registration	1748.00
Concession Stand	487.00
Bazaar and League Plaques	57.00
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	\$5801.67

Expenditures:

The Citizen State Bank	\$1000.00
Interest	225.00
L. L. Day Lumber Co. Interest	99.51
Amel Homes for Cooler	190.00
1957 Camp Session	1713.27
Insurance and Treas. Bond	237.46
General Exp., Lights, etc.	1264.69
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	\$4725.87
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	\$1071.80

Indebtedness:

The Citizens State Bank	\$4000.00
Payment, October 1, 1957	1000.00
Interest, October 1, 1957	100.00
Mo. State Home Mission Bd. Loan	
Oct. 1, 1957	1242.00
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	\$5342.00

Rec'd in Cash Offering and Pledges \$ 376.06
Rev. Wm. Reeves, Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Board Member:

5 Year Term—Rev. Rolla Smith.

Superannuation Board Members:

5 Year Term—Rev. Henry Long.

1 Year Term—Rev. Ben Scott.

Youth Camp Board Member:

5 Year Term—Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon.

Statistician:

Miss Leona Thompson.

Sunday School and League Board Members:

3 Year Term—Rev. Roger Reeds.

1 Year Term—Rev. John Rogers.

Delegates to the National Association:

Lola Long, Elmer Patton, Lizzie Patton, Harvey Alexander, Ancel Alexander, Mrs. Helen Rogers, Mrs. Opal Hughes, Mrs. Mary Regh, Deacon Arthur Francis, Mrs. Blanche Francis, Mrs. Harvey Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hesselmeier, Mrs. Myrtle Long, Mrs. Agnes Smith, Mrs. Genell Scott, Mrs. Pearl Circum, Mrs. H. C. Beasley, Mrs. Ann Wilson, Mrs. Verba Smith, Mrs. O. T. Dixon, Mrs. Velma Elliott, Mrs. Eva Elliott, John Filkins, Mrs. James Davis.

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

Rev. Homer Smith
Rev. John Rogers
Rev. Wm. Buster
Rev. Henry Long
Rev. John Long.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD TREASURER

(August 25, 1956 to August 19, 1957)

Former Treasurer, August 25, 1956	\$ 800.21
State Treas., Albert Halbrook:	
Home Missions	278.78
Co-operative Fund	2294.27
Woman's Aux. State Conv., by Genelle Scott, Treas.	35.53
Transfer from Mo. State General Fund	1500.00

Total Receipts	\$4908.79
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Disbursements:

Lester Jones, Home Missions (51 weeks at \$85.00 per week)	\$4335.00
Travelling exp. for locating new work	41.20
Travelling exp. for Bd. in organizing new churches	160.90
Telephone expense	3.51
Bethel Church, West Plains	300.00

Total Disbursements	\$4840.61
Balance in General Fund	\$ 68.18
Church Loan Fund, August 25, 1956	2752.57
Grant Ave. Church (12 payments at \$50. per month) ..	600.00
Gem Fund, August 25, 1956	902.57
One Typewriter, Nov. 24, 1956	15.00

\$4338.32

Disbursed for year's operating expense	350.00
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Balance in Treasury, Aug. 19, 1957	\$3988.32
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The past year has proved a fruitful one. Through the efforts of our State Home Mission team, Rev. & Mrs. Lester Jones, in co-operation with the State Home Mission Board, 4 new organizations were completed as follows:

The Grant Avenue Church, Springfield, Missouri, October 19, 1956, with twenty-eight members and Rev. Lester Hilton elected as pastor.

The Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Garfield St., West Plains, Missouri, December 9, 1956, with twenty-one members and Rev. Keith Johnson elected as pastor.

The Victory Church, North Kansas City, Missouri, March 28, 1957, with nineteen members and Rev. Russell Spurgeon elected as pastor.

The Beacon South Kansas City Church, Raytown, Missouri, March 28, 1957, with sixteen members and Rev. Lester Jones as acting pastor.

Rev. Harry Beatty, Sec.-Treas.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

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

1. That we abstain from conformity of the world in such things as the patronizing of business places dealing with alcoholic beverages, engaging in questionable forms of amusements and we admonish the Free Will Baptist people to be modest in dress as becomes Christians.

2. We, also, recommend that our Christian practices demonstrate temperance and moderation, both to the saved and the unsaved in our social relationship.

Dolly Pohnert

Thore Grider

Louella McCutcheon.

IN MEMORY

The Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, which convened in its 44th session at Monett, Missouri, August 20-23, 1957, unanimously voted that an article of appreciation be written in behalf of the late Reverends George W. Scott and T. C. Ferguson, for their sacrificial labor and contribution to their denomination.

Our finite minds are unable to comprehend the unmeasurable good that Rev. Scott and Rev. Ferguson contributed to the work of their Lord and their church, but in appreciation and honor of them, this and succeeding generations of Free Will Baptists will rise up and call them blessed, for the Apostle John wrote: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,

Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13).

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We, your Obituary Committee, find by examining the letters, that God, in His infinite love and wisdom, has called from our midst, eighty-two of our loving members. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families and ask that this body stand in silent prayer, and prayer be led by Bro. Homer Smith.

2. We recommend that an article be printed in the minutes of the Missouri State Association in honor of the work and in memory of Rev. George Scott and Rev. T. C. Ferguson, who served this Association so faithfully for so many years and that a copy be sent to their families.

Rev. James McCully
Rev. Mary Wellbaum
Mrs. W. K. Elliott.

REPORT OF STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

By Secretary-Treasurer

Balance brought forward	\$330.81
Money received from Sept., 1956 to Aug., 1957	69.42

Total Receipts	\$400.23
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Disbursements as Follows:

Christmas Checks, Dec. 5, 1956	\$200.00
Rev. B. F. Brown	\$40.00
Rev. George Scott	40.00
Rev. H. C. Crase	40.00
Rev. Elmer Hodges	40.00
Rev. George Scott	40.00

Total Disbursements	\$200.00
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Balance on hand, August 10, 1957	\$200.23
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John D. Long, Sec.-Treas.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

1. In order that our Free Will Baptist Gem may give us a greater news coverage in the State of Missouri, we recommend that all churches select a church reporter to report their activities to the Gem. We further recommend that the pastors

of those churches using bulletins include the Editor of the Gem on their mailing list.

2. In order that our people may be informed denominationally, we highly recommend that all churches utilize the "Every Family Church Plan" for both the Contact and the Free Will Baptist Gem.

3. In order that our people might have access to more profitable reading material, we recommend that every family start a religious library, which has been reviewed, and may be purchased directly from the Executive Department of the National Association.

Russell B. Spurgeon
Christina Halbrook
Alice Dickey
Bud Hill
Roger C. Reeds.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Since it has come to the attention of the Missouri State Association that some of the vital and important agencies of the National Association, namely the Executive and Sunday School Departments, have been the objects of unnecessary and unjustified criticism from the Free Will Baptist, we, therefore, recommend that this Missouri State Association re-affirm its confidence in these departments and the work which they are performing for our denomination, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the departments concerned, and to all denominational papers.

2. We recommend that Mr. Ford, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Evangelicals, be requested to register all Free Will Baptist Churches of Missouri for civil defense.

3. We recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to renew the contract with the General Baptist Press on the term specified in their letter dated August 1, 1957.

4. We recommend that Rev. Albert Halbrook be re-employed as editor of the Gem, at a salary of \$60.00 per month.

5. We recommend that the subscription price of the Gem paper remain the same: \$1.50 for single subscriptions and \$1.00 for family plan subscriptions.

6. We recommend that each church give a minimum of 10% of its total income to the State Co-operative Fund, to be allocated this year as follows:

National Co-op Fund	60%
State Home Missions	22%
Gem	5%

Youth Camp	5%
State General	5%
State Superannuation	3%

7. We recommend that Rev. Lester Jones be re-employed as a State Home Missions man to work under the direction of the State Home Missions Board under the following terms:

- (1) Salary to be \$65.00 per week when working for the Board.
- (2) Allowance for rent and moving to be \$20.00 per week when working for the Board.
- (3) He will be available to promote the whole denominational program on the field.
- (4) Allowance for travel to be 5c per mile when surveying a new field or doing promotional work.
- (5) When doing promotional work salary will be paid out of the state general fund.
- (6) He will have a two weeks' vacation with pay.
- (7) A sixty day notice is to be given, should either party desire to terminate the contract.

8. We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee to register people as they arrive and give them the proper badge. We further recommend that the Clerk have the cards and badges printed.

9. We recommend that the request of the Woman's Aux. relative to time to be granted: time to be changed from 11:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M., Wednesday.

10. We recommend that the pastors of the churches in the St. Louis area serve as a steering committee to make arrangements for the 1958 session of the National Association and that Rev. Harvey Hill serve as chairman of said committee.

11. We recommend that a standing vote of thanks be given Rev. and Mrs. Sanders, the host church and the Indian-Creek Association for the wonderful entertainment and hospitality.

12. We recommend that the Executive Board, in co-operation with Youth Camp Board, be charged with the responsibility of hiring as much help as they deem wise in taking care of the cooking and serving at the State Association next year.

Rolla Smith

Charles Franklin

Glenn Rehkop

Harry Beatty

John Bough.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1956 to July 1, 1957)

Co-operative Fund

Amount received	\$13,775.49
Amount disbursed (as follows)	13,775.49
Nation Co-operative Fund	\$9642.85
General Fund	793.09
State Home Mission Fund	2237.52
Free Will Baptist Gem	1033.15
State Superannuation	64.30

Mission Fund

Amount received	\$1,034.00
Amount disbursed (as follows)	1,034.00
Foreign Missions	\$723.80
Home Missions	310.20

Foreign Missions

Amount received	\$1,906.69
Amount disbursed	1,906.69

F. W. B. Bible College

Amount received	\$105.77
Amount disbursed	\$105.77

Tennessee Orphanage

Amount received	\$87.77
Amount disbursed	87.77

National Home Missions

Amount received	\$376.56
Amount disbursed	376.56

State Home Missions

Amount received	\$237.07
Amount disbursed	237.07

Hanna Fund

Amount received	\$1,295.00
Amount disbursed	1,295.00

Robert Wilfong Fund

Amount received	\$150.00
Amount disbursed	150.00

Lucy Wisehart Fund

Amount received	\$50.50
Amount disbursed	50.50

La Verne Miley Fund

Amount received	\$48.50
Amount disbursed	48.50

Dan Merkh Fund

Amount received	\$47.66
Amount disbursed	47.66

Youth Camp Fund

Amount received	\$229.87
Amount disbursed	229.87

State Entertainment Fund

Amount received	\$1,093.95
Amount disbursed	1,093.95

F. W. B. Gem Fund

Amount brought forward	\$ 60.85
Amount received (subs, gifts, supplies, books)	1,297.07
Amount received from Co-operative Funds	1,033.23
Total receipts	<u>\$2,330.22</u>

Amount disbursed:

Editor	\$ 765.00
Printing Gem	1601.51
Mailing (stamps, stationary, etc.)	48.71
Supplies	<u>121.32</u>

Total disbursements	\$2,536.53
Deficit	<u>\$ 206.31</u>

General Fund

Amount brought forward (Sis. Edwards Transfer)	\$2301.84
Received from Co-op	793.09
Minute money, gifts	66.00
Total receipts'	<u>\$3160.93</u>

Disbursements:

Transfer to Home Mission	\$1500.00
Loan to Youth Camp	1256.89
Printing of State Minutes	126.00
Clerk's Fee	275.00
Supplies, mailing, etc.	<u>33.75</u>

Total disbursements	<u>\$3191.64</u>
Deficit	\$ 30.71
Grand total receipts	\$25,929.98
Grand total disbursements	<u>26,167.00</u>
Total deficit	<u>\$ 237.02</u>

Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook.
(Bollinger County Bank, Lutesville, Missouri)

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Statistician—Leona Thompson
Address—Greentop

*—Denotes number reported.

	Cave Spring	C. W. Missouri	Indian Creek
No. Associations reporting			
No. Local Associations July 1, 1956			
Ass'ns rec'd July 1, '56—June 30, '57.....			
No. Associations disbanded			
Total No. Ass'ns June 30, 1957			
No. Churches reporting	21	9	11
No. Churches July 1, 1956	25	7	11
Churches rec'd July 1, '56—June 30, '57.....	2	2	none
No. Churches disbanded		none	none
Total No. Churches June 30, 1957	26	9	11
State of religion	good	good	good
No. Churches without pastor	2	none	none
Membership July 1, 1956	1331	369	862
Mem. rec'd July 1, '56—June 30, '57.....	76	64	44
No. Baptized	46	10	17
No. Dismissed by Letter	23	23	13
No. Excluded	8	none	none
No. Deceased	6	3	10
Resident Members	1038	261	644
Non-Resident Members	439	146	269
Total Membership June 30, 1957	1477	407	913
No. Tithers		10	15
No. Prayer Meetings	10	7	11
Condition of Prayer Meetings	good	good	good
No. of Leagues	3	7	7
Condition of Leagues	good	good	fair
League Membership	120	136	165
No. Aux. or Home Missions	3	3	5
Cond. of Aux. or Home Missions.....	good	good	good
Mem. of Aux. or Home Missions.....	40	23	87
No. of Sunday Schools	19	9	11
Condition of Sunday Schools	good	good	good
Total Enrollment Sunday Schools.....	760	463	623
No. Sunday School officers	51	43	48
No. Sunday School Teachers	90	40	71
No. Ordained Ministers	30	13	26
No. Licensed Ministers	1	2	4
No. Ordained Deacons	63	29	40
Value of Church Property	\$53,800.00	\$35,565.00	\$107,500.00
Amount Paid Pastor	10,417.49	2,557.69	13,205.00
Am't for Evangelistic Work	984.55	796.45	1,291.50
Am't for building & repair	9,298.59	921.54	13,278.00
Amount for Incidentals	935.01	1,178.82	2,587.00
Amount for Missions:			406.00
Home	255.64	122.65	116.00
Foreign	186.31	67.43	141.00
Amount for Education	300.20	134.53	262.00
Amount for Superannuation		none	none
Amount for Orphanage	103.34	none	none
Amount for Youth Camp	71.50	128.37	422.00
Am't for Co-operative Fund		733.06	1,183.00
Amount for Unified Fund	17.65	none	none
Am't for Headquarters Fund		none	10.00
Amount for Budget		35.50	61.60
Amount for Minutes	61.49	29.50	48.75

ASSOCIATIONS OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Laclede County	Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast Missouri	Northwest Missouri	Southeast Missouri	State Total
10	11	24	5	8	4	24	10
10	10	27	5	8	6	24	10
none	1	none	none	none	none	1	none
none	none	none	none	none	none	none	none
10	11	27	5	8	6	25	10
good	good	good	good	good	good	good	138
none	none	none	none	1	4	none	7
644	895	1662	523	397	183	2632	9498
25	74	95	9	38	9	313	746
20	47	61	8	38	6	187	1110
3	6	27	8	12	none	80	195
none	none	1	none	none	none	4	13
3	12	19	7	7	6	9	75
461	666	1249	293	330	115	2087	7144
205	285	460	224	92	77	375	2572
666	951	1710	517	429	192	2401	9663
20	none	47	2	*16	2	382	492
7	5	10	2	3	none	24	84
good	good	good	good	fair	none	good	good
none	4	9	1	4	none	19	54
none	good	good	good	good	good	good	good
none	45	358	102	102	930	1856	1856
none	3	2	none	4	2	14	36
none	good	good	none	good	good	good	good
none	66	38	none	74	26	224	578
10	11	24	5	8	2	24	122
good	good	good	good	good	good	good	good
326	689	992	225	506	90	2805	7484
23	42	112	13	40	8	103	483
25	40	105	20	44	14	176	625
18	17	35	7	8	5	39	198
none	6	none	7	7	4	8	34
28	28	84	12	20	8	80	392
\$18,900.00	\$80,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$16,500.00	\$88,500.00	\$27,250.00	\$470,500.00	\$1,018,515.00
1,563.00	11,017.27	15,920.00	2,045.06	7,204.14	926.83	40,726.97	105,583.43
250.00	1,120.27	2,463.00	484.62	1,932.71	195.36	4,121.50	13,629.96
263.00	1,317.99	5,638.00	521.34	1,322.53	3,298.40	74,085.55	109,944.94
251.00	1,712.03	91,126.00	766.07	1,779.34	602.78	27,449.75	128,387.80
	216.80		47.73	398.55	35.00	1,213.20	2,317.28
40.00	93.70	322.55	3.00	238.42	15.68	1,010.28	2,322.92
25.00		243.98	87.00	77.91		2,838.76	3,677.39
none	240.30	814.05	53.79	350.00	15.00	2,755.81	4,925.68
none	none	82.96	none	none	none		82.96
none	none	10.00	43.37	251.91	80.02	370.00	156.71
25.00	148.09	30.00	25.28	251.91	80.02	577.88	1,758.05
none	522.13	1,107.54		411.18	none	10,325.04	14,280.95
none	82.00			none	none		99.65
none		20.00		none	none		30.00
none		25.00		none	none	170.30	292.40
50.00	18.00	79.60	46.00		none	183.00	516.34

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE REPORTS

Church:

Pastor:

Ave. S. S. Attendance
Ave. League Attendance
Offerings

Mountain Valley	Homer Smith	45	35	\$2.00
Central Western, Mo. Ass'n. Mita Coiner				11.80
Niangua F. W. Baptist	Don Rogers	43		5.00
First F. W. Baptist	H. C. Beasley	130	45	
Union Chapel	Lee Maxwell	25		3.00
First F. W. Baptist	Othel T. Dixon	215	75	5.00
Hartville F. W. Baptist	Charley Findley	50		5.00
First F. W. Baptist	Benjamin Scott	162	45	
Faith and Hope	Lee Maxwell	30		
Buffalo F. W. Baptist	Curtis Wilson	64		
Pleasant Valley	L. R. Wheeler	15		
Macedonia	Selfh Jones	16		5.00
Crystal City F. W. Baptist	Fred Harris	41		2.00
Richwoods F. W. Baptist	Bud Arnold	72	30	3.00
Springfield First F. W. B.	Henry Long	155	25	5.00
Fellowship F. W. Baptist	Rolla Smith	200	60	10.00
No. 1 F. W. Baptist	Guy Hutsell	35	25	2.50
Twin Oak	Willard Darnell	60	20	
Aulsbury Chapel F. W. B.	C. B. Dees	81	42	2.00
Parkview F. W. Baptist	John Long	107	39	40.00
Hickory Grove	Ralph Cook	40	18	
Salem F. W. Baptist	Lawrence Thompson ..	41	25	
Hannon F. W. Baptist	Harry Sterling	64	12	
Pleasant Grove	Charley Findley	25		
New Rick Springs	Ernest T. Light	42		10.00
Harmony	E. E. Winfree	15		5.00
Mt. Pisgah	Ezra Butts	50	35	5.00
First F. W. Baptist	James Barker	57	20	
Fairview No. 3 Church	A. M. Halford	40		
Union Light	Cecil Sheppard	131	19	
Pleasant Hill	Marion Allsman	12		2.00
Union Church	A. A. Hogue	45	30	1.00
Lebanon F. W. Baptist	Laveru Jones	56		5.00
Wellston F. W. Baptist	Harry Asher	78	26	

Thayer F. W. Baptist	Harry Beatty	81	43	15.00
Little Vine	Leverene Jones	30		2.00
Hazel Creek Union	William Buster	50	40	8.81
First F. W. B. of Kirksville ..	Woodrow Matthews ..	106	31	
First F. W. B. of Greenfield ..	Otto Mackey	13		2.00
Copper Mines	Glenn Rehkop	100	35	5.00
New Harmony	Mildred Gilliam	54		9.84
Martinstown	Alta Mikel	20		5.00
Hazel Creek	William Buster	53		7.00
Lowground	Mildred Gilliam	32		
Graysville	Alta Mikel	26		5.00
Jewel	Stella Gates	22		
Walnut Grove	Billie Rogers	30		
Lone Star	Frank Linton	40		10.00
F. W. B. of Carterville	Kenneth Turner	32	7	5.00
New Harmony	Mildred Gilliam	54	10	
Victory F. W. B. Church	Russell B. Spurgeon ..	32		2.00
South Side F. W. B. Church ..	Roger C. Reeds	178	44	5.00
Leadington Church	James T. Davis	126	39	
Pleasant Church	Charles Black	38	15	
Beacon Church	L. C. Jones			
Third Church	John Rogers	123	32	
F. W. B. Church	Lester Nutting	45	27	
Grant Ave. Church	Lester Hilton	62		2.00
Berkeley Church	Harvey Hill	167	60	5.00
Merls Chapel Church	O. T. Allred	44	20	
Myrtle Church	Bud Hill	55	38	
Monett Church	R. Luther Sanders	93	27	5.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL & LEAGUE BOARD FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amount brought forward from last year \$229.66
Amount received from reports (See above reports)
Total brought forward \$339.08

Disbursements:

W. S. Mooneyham \$30.00
William Mishler 30.00
Office supplies, telephone calls & printing 19.00
For State Ass'n entertainment 79.68

Total \$148.68

Balance on hand \$190.40

Women's Auxiliary Convention

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Monett Church, Monett, Missouri, August 21, 1957. The theme of the Convention was "Send Out Thy Light." Congregational singing was directed by Margaret Dixon; pianist, Joan Thomas.

Morning meditations were given by Rev. Alice Dickey, who used Psalms 43.

Prayer was led by Rev. Eunice Edwards.

Mrs. Myrtle Jones, State President took charge, speaking briefly on the theme for the day. The President welcomed everyone present and seated all Auxiliary workers and pastors with Auxiliaries as delegates to the Convention.

The President appointed all committees. She then presented Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of the National Association, as the speaker of the hour. A very timely message was brought by Rev. Mooneyham bringing out qualities that good leaders must possess.

Benediction by Rev. Paul Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Service opened with congregational singing, led by Margaret Dixon; pianist, Joan Thomas. Devotional thought was given by Elaine Spurgeon. Prayer was led by Margaret Dixon.

The President granted time for the Committee on Committee's report of the Association to be read. The State Youth Chairman took charge and presented a Y. P. A. contestant, Judy Henson from Fredericktown, who gave a declamation.

The Youth Chairman then presented a G. T. A. contestant, Judy Pogue from Fredericktown, who gave her declamation. Both contestants were presented with a \$5.00 gift.

The President recognized State and District officers, also members of Y. P. A. and G. T. A. organizations. Digest of reports was given. Four new Auxiliaries were reported. The President recognized these Auxiliaries, also one old Auxiliary that reported for the first time.

Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A letter was read from Sister Lucy Wisheart, Missionary in Cuba. A special prayer was offered in her behalf. Rev. Eunice Edwards led the prayer. Motion carried that the secretary write a letter to Miss Wisheart.

Report of Credentials Committee was read and accepted.

Finance Committee report was read and adopted. Appreciation Committee report was read and adopted. Registration Committee report read. Report of Resolutions Committee was

read and received, to be discussed item by item. Items No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were adopted.

Recommendation was submitted by the Executive Committee as follows: We recommend that this body finance the entertainment of the National and State Auxiliary officers with a breakfast or luncheon some time during the 1958 W. N. A. C. session, and that the Executive Committee be responsible for final arrangements. Motion carried to adopt the recommendation.

Nominating Committee report of delegates to W. N. A. C. was read and accepted, giving State President power to appoint other delegates to fill vacancies of those who can not attend. Item No. 9 of Resolutions Committee adopted. Nominating Committee report read and accepted. Motion carried that we have a State Workshop this year, with details to be worked out by the Executive Committee.

Minutes were read and approved. Recognition was given to the poster displaying the theme of the day. Mrs. Eunice Edwards, National Auxiliary Executive Sec.-Treas., spoke on the National's project for the year. Mrs. Helen Sanders explained the Student Loan Fund.

Installation service was conducted by Genelle Scott. At the close of the Installation, Janice Smith sang a solo, followed in prayer by Eunice Edwards.

Committee Reports

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Visitors	75
Delegates	85
Ministers	34
TOTAL	194

Signed:

Maybelle Jones
Dollie Pohnert
Lucille Beatty.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

1. We wish to extend our thanks for the faithful service of our worthy President and all State officers this year.
2. Our deepest appreciation to the Rev. W. S. Mooneyham for the wonderful message.

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

Signed:

Freda Sell
Lola Long
Alta Mikel.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We have examined the reports and found the Convention dues correct from Southeast District, Northeast District, Indian Creek District, First Springfield, Grant Ave., Springfield, Victory, Kansas City, First Kansas City, Thayer, Myrtle, Mountain Grove, West Plains, and Niangua Auxiliaries.

Signed:

Oletha Parsons
Helen Mackey
Alice Dickey.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Signed:

Agnes Smith
Mrs. Nolan Thomas
Genelle Scott.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that we pay 5c per mile to the officers for travel expense to the workshops, and that we pay \$10.00 to the visiting speakers.

2. We recommend that the State Convention furnish badges for the National Auxiliary Convention in 1958.

3. Inasmuch as the W. N. A. C. has recommended that a state or district meeting of all Youth Auxiliaries, called Youth Fellowship, be held sometime during the year, we recommend that such a meeting be held at our State Youth Campgrounds with plans to be worked out by the State and District (or local) Youth Chairmen, together with the Youth Camp Board.

4. Inasmuch as the W. N. A. C. has adopted the project of raising \$10,000.00 to be used to establish a mission station in Africa, we recommend that our State Convention accept our allocation of \$1,000.00 which is approximately \$2.35 per member.

5. We recommend that all Auxiliaries adhere more closely to the adopted plan of work in the meeting of the Standard,

sending same to the State Convention to be displayed and judged by Credentials Committee and that the Convention present to the A-1 Auxiliaries, a book for church libraries or study classes.

6. We recommend that Item No. 4 of last year's Business Committee report be added to the By-Laws of our State Convention. (Item No. 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.)

7. We recommend that we pay our proportionate cost of the minutes.

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

9. We recommend that this Convention pay the actual expense of each winner of the declamation contest to the National Convention.

Signed:

Velma Elliot
Ruth Wilfong
Pauline Shrum.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Delegates to National Convention: Elaine Spurgeon, Bernice Cantrell, Velma Elliot, Dorcas Wiseman, Helen Sanders, Myrtle Reeds, Sylvia Hill, Mrs. Buddy Hill, Margaret Dixon, Lucille Beatty.

Nominations: President, Myrtle Jones; Vice President, Margaret Dixon; Sec.-Treas., Genelle Scott; Ass't. Sec., Leona Thompson; Corresponding Sec., Oletha Parsons; Youth Chairman, Lucille Beatty; Study Course Chairman, Agnes Smith; Stewardship-Prayer Chairman, Reva Prinz; Personal Service Chairman, Mildred Kinsinger.

Signed:

Leona Thompson
Oma Scott
Bernice Cantrell
Elaine Spurgeon
Wanda Donaldson
Louise McCully
Iva Snell.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mo. State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, August 23, 1956
to July 1, 1957

Balance brought forward, Aug. 23, 1956 \$163.38

Received:

Co-laborer	\$104.02
Foreign Missions	154.94
Tent Project	126.25
State Home Missions	35.53
National Home Missions	58.02
Orphanage	10.00
Tithes	97.93
Dues	7.20

Total received \$593.89

Total received and balance brought forward \$757.27

Disbursed:

Co-laborers	\$104.02
Foreign Missions	154.94
Tent	126.25
State Home Missions	35.53
National Home Missions	58.02
Orphanage	10.00
Lucy Wischart	10.00
Supplies	6.14
Expense for workshop	38.55
Minutes	10.00
W. N. A. C. Dues	26.80

Total Disbursed \$580.25

Balance in treasury July 1, 1957 \$177.02

Signed: Genella Scott, Treas.

CONSTITUTION

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

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

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

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Secretary-Treasurer, said officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified; a board of trustees of five members whose terms of office shall be as follows: One for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, one for three (3) years, one for four (4) years, and one for five (5) years; and at the expiration of these terms, one is to be elected for a term of five years who shall hold office until his successors are elected; and further, if any 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 con-

templated 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.