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**OF**  
**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**1968**  
**WHEN CONVENED AT**  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**JOPLIN, MISSOURI**

**MINUTES OF THE 55th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
When convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church  
of Joplin, Missouri

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Moderator . . . . . Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Kansas City, Missouri  
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Missions Association . . . . . Bro. George Bryant . . . 1 Yr. 1969  
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Southeast Missouri Assn. . . . . Rev. Harry Asher . . . 1 Yr. 1969  
Northwest Missouri Assn. . . . . Bro. Milford House . . . 1 Yr. 1969  
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Rev. Glen Rehkop . . . . . 1 Yr. 1969

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Rev. Cliff Bowman . . . . . 2 Yr. 1970  
Rev. C. R. (Bud) Hill . . . . . 1 Yr. 1969

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Rev. James O'Dell	3 Yr. 1971
Rev. James Barker	2 Yr. 1970
Bro. Elmer Patton	1 Yr. 1969

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 Rev. Robert L. Shockey ..... 6655 Upton Lane; Nashville, Tennessee  
 Rev. Dale Skiles ..... 1131 N. Garfield; West Plains, Missouri  
 Rev. R. B. Spurgeon ..... St. Louis, Missouri  
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 Rev. J. Mark Vandivort ..... Route 4, Columbia, Missouri  
 Rev. W. K. Weston ..... 1 Sunset Drive; Monett, Missouri  
 Rev. Robert E. Williams ..... Box 93, Granby, Missouri  
 Rev. J. Reford Wilson ..... Nashville, Tennessee

## MINISTERS' WIVES

Mrs. James Barker  
 Lucille Beatty  
 Ethel Bennett  
 Mildred Butts  
 Jewell Campbell  
 Gloria Carlson

Mrs. Luther Gibson  
 Mrs. Hazel Harris  
 Mrs. Bud Hill  
 Mrs. Faye Hilton  
 Mrs. Earl Irish  
 Tula Johnson

Kate McCulley  
 Hilda Nichols  
 Martha Nutting  
 Sharon O'Dell  
 Mrs. Grover Pingleton  
 Evelyn Rehkop

Mrs. Edward Climer  
Peggy Davis  
Mrs. Jack C. Day  
Mrs. Bob Dickey  
Mrs. O. T. Dixon  
Brenda Evans  
Mable Franklin  
Lucille Gardner

Beverly Jones  
Mrs. Dale Jones  
Mrs. Bob King  
Kathy Jo Lay  
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Lola Long  
Mrs. Alton Loveless  
Helen McAllister

Mrs. Milan Ruble  
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Alice Tannehill  
Mrs. Lawrence Thompson  
Nancy Underwood  
Mrs. W. K. Weston  
Opal Williams

## ASSOCIATIONAL CLERKS

Alice Hoover

## ASSOCIATIONAL DELEGATES

Mrs. Phillip Fry	Missions Association
Laverne Hays	Cave Springs Association
Glady's Montgomery	Liberty Association

## DEACONS

John E. Bough  
Clyde Byrd  
W. F. Childress  
Leslie Eaton  
Walter Eaton  
Howard Filkins  
Phillip Fry

F. C. Ganeto  
Arlie L. Hays  
Ermel Hefton  
Charlie Hoover  
Claud Hutchings  
Wayne Largent  
Roger Littlefield

Jerry Mahaffer  
Homer Mosier  
Roy Nichols  
Freddie Oxendine  
Orlie Phillips  
Lee Pitts  
Marjorie Pitts

## ELECTED DELEGATES

Ella Atwell  
Herbert Boggs  
Margaret Boggs  
Mrs. J. C. Bolin  
Theo Bough  
Dorothy Childress  
Carla Jean Davis  
Nellie Dixon  
Braxine Evans  
Stella Fast  
Joan Filkins

Janice Fogerson  
Frances Fogle  
Eileen Gonterman  
Naomia Hefton  
Jeanette Hogan  
Mrs. Muriel Hutsell  
Hazel Hutsell  
Albert Johnson  
Leo R. Johnson  
Charles Millard  
Mildred Millard

Dorothy Mosier  
Oma Newton  
Barbara Oxendine  
Elizabeth Patton  
Mrs. W. L. Powell  
Bruce Presley  
Reva Prinz  
Freda Sell  
Ruth Spar  
Lena Stacy

## VISITORS

Harold W. Alderman

Craig Hoover

Mary Nutting

Betty Bagwell  
 Carol Bolin  
 Disa Byrd  
 Elaine Buehler  
 Dennis Campbell  
 Dorothy Campbell  
 Larry Cantrell  
 Diane Chapman  
 Robert Chapman  
 Shirley Chapman  
 Linda Childress  
 Dennis Climes  
 Mrs. Bruce Davidsen  
 Jill Davidson  
 Wendy Davidson  
 Eugene Davis  
 Bernice Dickens  
 Clinton E. Dixon  
 Mrs. Roy Dooley  
 Ruth Dowsey  
 Claudia Eaton  
 Deane Eaton  
 Hope Eaton  
 Jan Eaton  
 Marta Eaton  
 Timmy Eaton  
 Pat Elliott  
 Velma Elliott  
 Claud Ellis  
 Mrs. Don Ellis  
 Jeffery Evans  
 Rita Kay Evans  
 Leta Evans  
 Morris W. Farmer  
 Shirley Farmer  
 Danny Filkins  
 David Filkins  
 Douglas Filkins  
 Myrtle Floyd  
 Mrs. Guy Ford  
 Mrs. Gilbert Fortney  
 Mrs. Joe Fulkerson  
 Edna Gentry  
 Cathy Green  
 Fred Green  
 Bob Grissom  
 Estel Hall  
 Mrs. Estel Hall  
 Celecia Hall  
 Paul Hill

Doug Hoover  
 Bob Hunter  
 Claude Hunter  
 Kevin Hunter  
 Lisa Hunter  
 Michelle Hunter  
 Shirley Hunter  
 Chris Hutchings  
 Mildred Hutchings  
 Jane Hutsell  
 Louise Ivey  
 Deborah Jones  
 Mark Jones  
 Ruby Johnson  
 Jim Jones  
 Jenna Kirk  
 Otha Lahman  
 Inez Largent  
 Mary Latimer  
 Heidi Lay  
 Marty Lay  
 Paul Lemon  
 Florene Littlefield  
 Mike Littlefield  
 Roger Littlefield  
 C. J. Long  
 Debora Long  
 Marcella Long  
 Randy Loveless  
 Steven Loveless  
 Jennifer McAllister  
 Alene McCarmack  
 Irma McCleary  
 Mrs. John F. McClure  
 John F. McClure  
 Becky McCully  
 Billy McCully  
 Debra McCully  
 George McCully  
 Josephine McCully  
 Roselee McCully  
 Sharon McLaughlin  
 Anna Markley  
 Gerald Meador  
 Mrs. Gerald Meador  
 Jeff Mehill  
 Ellen Mentzer  
 George F. Miller  
 Nancy Mitchell  
 Roy Nichols

Linda O'Dell  
 Dorothy Parrott  
 Lynn Oxendine  
 Patty Parrott  
 Deloris Phelps  
 Mrs. Orlie Phillips  
 Wilma Pogue  
 W. L. Powell  
 Beverly Rehkop  
 Randy Rehkop  
 Charles Reynolds  
 David Reynolds  
 Karen Reynolds  
 Leslie Reynolds  
 Mrs. Lester Reynolds  
 Ruth Ann Reynolds  
 Alta Richardson  
 Lynn Richardson  
 Paul Richardson  
 Wayne Richardson  
 Wilma Robinson  
 Norma Shannon  
 Frances Smith  
 Shelly Smith  
 Gladys Stokes  
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 Leonard Tallent  
 Gregory Tannehill  
 Rhonda Tannehill  
 T. H. Tannehill, Jr.  
 Mrs. Wayne Terrell  
 Pam Thompson  
 Cheryl Thurston  
 David Thurston  
 Mrs. Glenn Thurston  
 Ruth Turner  
 Jerry Underwood  
 Kay Underwood  
 Sherri Underwood  
 Peggy Vaneel  
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 Doris Western  
 Sherry Weston  
 Brenda White  
 Leonard White  
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 Mary White  
 Mariam Willhite  
 Dan Williams

Minutes of the 55th Annual Session of the  
**MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

When convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church  
of Joplin, Missouri, August, 1968

**TUESDAY NIGHT, 7:30 p.m. AUGUST 20, 1968**

The 55th Annual Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Joplin, Missouri, August 20, 1968; at 7:30 p.m.

The Session was opened by singing: "There Is A Fountain" led by Jack Stallings. Bro. James Franklin led in prayer. Bro. Stallings then led in the singing of "My Savior's Love" and "Am I a Soldier of The Cross."

The clerk, Bro. Andy Lay, then called the session to order.

Bro. Stallings led: "It is Well With My Soul."

Bro. Lay recognized the representatives of the various District Associations in the state and the visitors from outside the state.

Bro. Alton Loveless, the host pastor, welcomed the Association to the Church. He introduced Mr. Robert Metsinger, the Joplin City Manager, who welcomed us to the city.

Mr. Howard Filkins voiced the response of the Association.

Bro. Lay then introduced the officers of the State Association, Bro. Alton Loveless, Assistant Clerk; Tom Malone, Assistant Moderator; and Bro. Woodrow Matthews, the Moderator; who then delivered the Moderator's Message. He used I Corinthians 15:58 as his text; admonished us from three words of the text: "brethren," "abounding," and "labor."

Following the Message, Bro. Matthews presented a plaque of appreciation to former Moderator Bro. O. T. Dixon.

Bro. Stallings led us in singing: "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

An offering of \$64.70 was then received for Associational expenses.

The Joplin Church Choir sang: "Make Me a Blessing" before Bro. Dale Jones delivered the keynote message: "We Believe the Bible." He took his text from Amos 8:11. Following the message, Bro. Stallings led us in "Near the Cross" and an invitation was given.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read by the Clerk.

The service was concluded in prayer led by Bro. Tom Malone.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 21, 1968**

The morning session was opened by the congregation singing: "To God Be the Glory", Then "Victory In Jesus" was led by Bro. Andy Lay. Prayer was led by Bro. George Bryant.

Bro. Dale Skiles read Hebrews 11:5, and gave a devotional thought, and led in prayer.

The Moderator reminded the body of the agenda. We adopted the printed program with the privilege of the Moderator and Assistant Moderator to make necessary changes.

The Clerk read the Credentials Committee's report. A motion was m/s/c to receive the report, adopt item 1, and seat the delegates.

A petitionary letter was read from the newly organized Greater Kansas City District Association and the letter from the Central Western Association recommending the churches of the newly formed Association to us. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item 2 of the Credentials Committee's report and receive the Greater Kansas City District Association into membership in the State Association.

The Moderator charged the delegates with their voting privileges and responsibilities.

A letter from missionaries Jim and Olena McLain was read.

Corresponding messengers were recognized from the following National Departments: Sunday School, CTS, Executive, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, and Bible College. Representatives from Oklahoma Bible College and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee were also recognized.

The report of the Committee on Committees was re-read.

Mrs. Don Ellis gave us greetings from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Greenville, Tennessee.

The Stacion's Report was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to receive the Statistical Report.

Bro. Roger Reeds gave us greetings from the National Sunday School Department, and informed us of the progress of that Department.

Bro. Harry Beatty gave the Promotional Secretary's report. He closed with a prayer of thanksgiving. A motion was m/s/c to receive the report with typographical corrections and express thanks to Bro. Beatty for his service. A motion was m/s/c to amend the motion to give Bro. Beatty a standing vote of thanks.

Bro. Jack Paramore was then recognized to give us greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College and share with us the progress and needs of the School.

The meeting was recessed in prayer by Bro. Matthews.

### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

The morning worship service was opened by singing "Glory to His Name," which was directed by Rev. Glenn Rehkop.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Bill Evans, Pastor of South Side Church of St. Louis. We then were led in singing: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

We were called into a quiet time of meditation and prayer by Rev. R. B. Spurgeon, presiding. Rev. Spurgeon led in prayer.

Special music in song was given by a duet from the Joplin Church. Mrs. Shirley Hunter and Miss Elaine Buehler rendered this special, accompanied by Mr. Dennis Campbell, "He Cared For Me".

Rev. Spurgeon introduced Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, President of the Oklahoma Bible College. Dr. O'Donnell spoke to us on the subject: "We Believe in the Holy Trinity." He used for his text I John 5:1-7.

We were dismissed by singing "Amazing Grace."

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 21, 1968

Bro. Alton Loveless opened the service by leading the congregation in



singing: "Revive Us Again." Prayer followed by Bro. Jim McAllister. The congregation then sang "All Hail the Power."

Bro. Eugene Davis led us in a devotional thought from Isaiah 55:89.

The Clerk read letters from the Springfield First Church and the Niangua Church recommending church delegates to the body. A motion was m/s/c to seat these delegates.

It was called to the attention of the body that Bro. Eugene Davis be recognized as a minister. (This was not done on the printed program.)

The report of the General Board was read by the Clerk.

A motion was m/s/c to receive the General Board's report and dispose of it item by item.

Item No. 1 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 1. (NOTE: A standing vote was taken.)

Item No. 2 was read in its entirety. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 2 in its entirety. Bro. R. B. Spurgeon, a member of the General Board, explained reasons for this recommendation before the vote was taken.

A motion was m/s/c that by-laws No. 36 and No. 46 be changed to conform to Item No. 1 of the General Board report.

A motion was m/s/c that the item be tabled.

Item No. 3 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 3. A motion was m/s/c to offer a substitute motion that these representatives be elected from the floor. The Moderator called us to prayer before the standing vote was taken. A motion was m/s/c to move the previous question. A motion was m/s/c to move the previous question on main motion.

A motion was m/s/c that item No. 4 be tabled until we hear the reports of the Boards.

The congregation sang: "Amazing Grace."

Bro. Reford Wilson gave us greetings from the Foreign Missions Department and our missionary representatives around the world. He shared with us several missionary prayer requests and commended the state for its missionary support.

Bro. Dale Skiles gave the report of the State Home Mission Board. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report and note corrections on the printed reports.

Dr. J. D. O'Donnell gave greetings from Oklahoma Bible College. He expressed the thanks of the School for Missouri's support.

Bro. William Reeves gave the report of the Youth Camp Board. A motion was m/s/c to receive the report. A motion was m/s/c to amend that this be received as a partial report.

The Book Store proposed budget was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to receive this proposed budget.

The General Fund proposed budget was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to adopt this proposed budget.

The Promotional Department's proposed budget was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to receive and to adopt this proposed budget.

The Placement Committee's report was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the Placement Committee's report and go to the Leadington Church for the State Association next year.

Mr. Fred Green of the National C.T.S. Department gave a report of that National Department.

A motion was m/s/c to adjourn business until 9:00 A.M. Thursday morning. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Alton Loveless.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 21, 1968

The service was opened by singing: "Jesus Saves" led by Bro. Don Jones. Bro. Jack Paramore then led in prayer. The congregation sang: "Send the Light" after which Leonard Tallent, a young man from the Berkeley Free Will Baptist Church, gave his testimony. Bro. Rufus Coffey, the National Executive Secretary, gave greetings from the National Association and spoke in behalf of the Co-operative Program, our nation magazine, *Contact* and Randall Book Store.

Bro. Don Jones again led the congregation in singing: "He Lives".

Bro. Bob Shockey, of the National Home Missions Department, gave us greetings and thanks for Missouri's support of Home Missions.

Bro. Dale Skiles of the Missouri State Home Mission Board, introduced Bro. Mark Vandivort, Bro. Cliff Bowman, Bro. Don Jones, and Mrs. Ted Davis: all State Home Missionaries. Bro. Skiles presented plaques to Bro. James McAllister, pastor of Central Free Will Baptist Church in Kansas City and to Bro. Charles Hoover of Hannan Free Will Baptist Church, in special recognition for the largest amount given and the largest amount of per-capita giving respectfully, to State Home Missions.

Bro. Jack Stallings sang: "How Great Thou Art" before Bro. Reford Wilson, Director of National Foreign Missions Department, brought the message of the evening: "We Believe in the Great Commission."

While the congregation sang: "I Surrender All" an invitation was extended to the congregation for individuals to commit themselves unreservedly to Jesus Christ.

An offering of \$172.19 was received to be divided equally between National Home Missions, State Home Missions, and National Foreign Missions.

The service was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Clarence Burton.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1968

The service was opened by singing: "Blessed Assurance" led by Bro. Dale Skiles. Bro. Lawrence Thompson then led in prayer. Bro. Frank Giunta brought the devotion. He read from II Timothy 1:13-14.

The Moderator reminded us of some of the standing rules of the Association.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report item by item. Item No. 1 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 1. Item No. 2 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 2. Item No. 3 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 3.

The report of the Superannuation Board was read by Bro. Cecil Campbell. The Superannuation Board's Financial Report was read by the Clerk. A

motion was m/s/c to adopt the recommendations in the report. A motion was m/s/c to amend to adopt report item by item. Item No. 1 was read. Motion m/s/c to adopt item No. 1. Item No. 2 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 2. Item No. 3 was read. A motion was m/s to adopt item No. 3. A motion was m/s/c to table this item until item No. 4 from the General Board (the Budget) comes to the floor. Item No. 4 of the Superannuation Board was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 4. Item No. 5 was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 5. Item No. 6 was read: motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 6.

A motion was m/s/c to adopt the Financial report and accept the resignation of Bro. Nichols from the Board.

The report of the Missions Committee was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report in its entirety.

Rev. Mark Vandivort, our new Home Missionary to Columbia, spoke to the session regarding the new field, before the vote was taken.

A motion was m/s/c to amend item No. 1: to include the Church in Jefferson City.

The report of the Obituary Committee was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report. Bro. Cecil Campbell led us in prayer.

The report of the Temperance Committee was read. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report.

The report of the Publications Committee was read. Motion was m/s/c to adopt the report.

The report of the S.S. and C.T.S. Board was read by Bro. Bill Evans. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report.

The GEM report with the proposed budget and resignation of the Editor was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the report with commendation to the Editor.

The Registration Committee's report was read by the Clerk. A motion was m/s/c to receive the report.

The Youth Camp Board's proposed budget was read by Bro. Burton. Miss Mary Nutting gave a report of the past year's camp from a camper's point of view. A motion was m/s/c to adopt the Youth Camp Board's Report and proposed budget.

A motion was m/s/c to take Item No. 4 of the General Board's report off the table. Item No. 4 (Budget of the Co-operative Fund) was read. A motion was m/s that the budget be adopted. A substitute motion was m/s/lost to refer budget to the General Board to be reconsidered to include at least 1% to State Superannuation Board and re-evaluate the 3% offered to Oklahoma Bible College. A motion was m/s/c to move the previous question.

A substitute motion was m/s/c that 52% of the co-operative money be sent to the National and 48% remain in the State of Missouri; with the following break-down:

- 14% — Promotional Department
- 16% — State Home Missions
- 8½% — General Fund
- 3¾% — GEM
- 4% — State Youth Camp
- 1% — State S.S. and C.T.S. Board

### 1% - State Superannuation Board

A motion was m/s/c to move the previous question.

A motion was m/s/c that Missouri State Association reaffirm our appreciation and interest in the ministry of Oklahoma Bible College, as a Christian School; complimenting our National Bible College. We encourage the promotion of Oklahoma Bible College in the state of Missouri.

A motion was m/s/c to bring to the table the by-law revision.

A motion was m/s/c to amend By-law No. 36 to read: "The session of this Association shall convene on Tuesday Evening at 7:30 P.M. following the third Sunday in June each year."

A motion was m/s/c to table the motion until next year.

Nominations were opened for delegates to the National Association. Nominated were: Lee Sherrill, Ray Burdget, Bill Knap, Vernon Long, Russell Wiseman. A motion was m/s/c to close nominations and elect the above by acclamation.

A motion was m/s/c to take item No. 3 of the Superannuation Board's report off the table.

A motion was m/s/c to adopt item No. 3.

A motion was m/s/c that the Moderator of the State Association be empowered to appoint alternate delegates to the National Association.

The Nominating Committee's nominations for General Board members were read. A motion was m/s/c to cease nominations and to elect by acclamation.

The remainder of the Nominating Committee's report was read. A motion was m/s/c to receive this report to be disposed of item by item.

For Home Missions Board there were no other nominations. A motion was m/s/c to elect the nominee by acclamation.

For Youth Camp Board, no other nominations. A motion was m/s/c to elect by acclamation.

For S.S. and C.T.S. Board no other nominations. A motion was m/s/c to elect the nominee by acclamation.

For the Superannuation Board, no other nomination. A motion was m/s/c to elect by acclamation.

For Statistician, no other nomination. A motion was m/s/c to elect by acclamation.

For Assistant Clerk, no other nominations, A motion was m/s/c to elect by acclamation. For Clerk, no other nominations. Nominations declared ceased. The nominee was elected by acclamation.

A motion was m/s/c to adjourn.

### 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

The morning worship service began by singing: "Redeemed" led by Rev. Frank Giunta.

Rev. Andy Lay, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kirksville, brought our message. He used Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-14 as his text on the theme: "We Believe in the Church."

The congregation closed the session by singing, "Blest Be the Tie."

We were dismissed in prayer.

## REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ministers	70
Ministers' Wives	41
Deacons	22
Association Clerks	31
Elected Delegates	34
Visitors	157
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>325</b>

s/Barbara Oxendine, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend the following items:

1) That the delegates of the following Associations be seated: Laclede County, Northwest, Liberty, Niangua, Indian Creek, Cave Springs, Mission, Central Western, Northeast, and Southeast.

2) That we receive the newly formed Kansas City District Association into membership in the Missouri State Association as they have requested.  
Signed: Andy Lay, Milan Rubble, Johnny Land

## LETTER FROM GREATER KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists from the newly organized, Greater Kansas City District Association.

This is a petitionary letter requesting membership into the State Association.

This association was properly organized and established on Saturday, June 8, 1968, at Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Raytown, Missouri. We adopted the Bible as our rule of faith and practice. We vowed our allegiance to the Treaties of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. We established a constitution and by-laws to comply with and expedite the performance of the above.

The following churches, upon their request, were honorable transferred from the Central Western Missouri Association with promise of recommendation to the State Association for acceptance and membership, at which time this dismissal from Central Western would be recognized and become effective: Beacon Church, Raytown, Missouri; Central Church, Kansas City, Missouri; Victory Church, Kansas City, Missouri; and First Church of Marshall, Missouri.

Other members of this Association are: First Church of St. Joseph, Missouri and East Independence Church, Independence, Missouri.

Signed: Rev. Lawrence Thompson, Moderator  
Rev. Ted Davis, Clerk

## LETTER FROM CENTRAL WESTERN ASSOCIATION

Dear Brethren:

We, the Central Western Missouri Association, wish to recommend to you the newly organized Greater Kansas City Association, composed primarily of churches from this Association, as churches in good standing and of sound doctrine.

We feel they will prove a blessing to the state of Missouri. May God's richest blessings be upon them.

Yours in Christ,  
Central Western Missouri Association

Signed: Charlie Hoover, Moderator  
Alice Hoover, Clerk-Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

### Nominating Committee

Dale Jones, chm.  
Harry Asher  
Grover Pingleton  
Chesley Hill  
Howard Filkins

### Missions Committee

Cliff Bowman, chm.  
James Franklin  
Alton Loveless  
O. T. Allred  
Finis Johnson

### Placement Committee

Gene McCully, chm.  
Len Gardner  
Milan Rubble  
George Bryant  
Cletus Nichols

### Publications Committee

Bill Evans, chm.  
Lawrence Thompson  
Bob King  
Peggy Davis  
Elizabeth Gibson

### Temperance Committee

John Land, chm.  
Don Jones  
Dale Underwood  
Dale Broyles  
Dave Parrott

### Resolutions Committee

Jack Stallings, chm.  
Luther Gibson  
James McAllister  
R. B. Sturgeon  
Tom Carlson

Obituary Committee  
Brenda Evans, chm.  
Helen McAllister  
Jo Pingleton  
Lu Thurston  
Delores Loveless

Signed: Frank Giunta, J. A.  
Franklin, Luther Gibson,  
Tommy D. Carlson, Howard  
Filkins

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists met November 27, 1967 at the Headquarters Building in St. Louis, and August 19 and 20, 1968 in Joplin, Missouri, with a quorum present at each meeting.

The Board replaced two of its members who had moved out of the Associations they had represented. Rev. Milan Rubble was elected to replace Rev. Glenn Jones of the Laclede County Association, and Rev. Glen Murray was elected to replace Rev. Glenn Rehkop of the Central Western Association.

During the year committees were appointed to work on the following items of business:

- 1) To meet with the Oklahoma Bible College Board of Trustees when considering the ministry of Oklahoma Bible College to Free Will Baptist young people in the mid-west.
- 2) To plan a Ministers' Retreat for the Ministers of the State.
- 3) To work with the Superannuation Board about developing a group insurance program for the ministers of the State.
- 4) To work with the S.S. and C. T. S. Board in planning an annual State S.S.-C.T.S. Convention.
- 5) To work with the GEM editor and Litho Printers about upgrading the quality of the GEM.
- 6) To look into the possibility of selling the present Headquarters Building in St. Louis and relocating the State Headquarters and Book Store nearer the geographical center of the State.
- 7) To plan the program and work out the arrangements for the present State Meeting.

The Board authorized the sending of \$1,000 to Free Will Baptist Bible College as recommended by the body at the State Association last year.

At the August 19 and 20 meeting, the Board heard reports of the State Promotional Secretary, and all State Boards and Committees, and referred their budgets to the Budget Committee.

The General Board makes the following recommendations to the State Association:

- 1) That the date for the State Association Meeting be changed to the third week in June; to suggest that the Local Associations meet in September, December, March, and June, the June meeting to be the yearly meeting; thus, making the Associational year June 1 – May 31. This change to take place over a two-year transition period.
- 2) Regarding the relocation of the State Headquarters:
  - a) That we sell the present Headquarters Building in St. Louis and relocate it in Lebanon, Missouri.
  - b) That the State Headquarters remain at 3100 Mt. Pleasant Street, St. Louis, until the sale of that property.
  - c) That we rent a residence for our Executive Secretary in Lebanon, Missouri, preferably one with a two-car garage and basement to accomodate the Book Store, Headquarters, and GEM office for the present.
  - d) That the General Board appoint a committee of five men, including two Free Will Baptist business men, preferably within a 50-mile radius of Lebanon, and three members of the General Board to guide in the locating of a property, work with the Promotional Secretary in setting up the Book Store displays, and check on the feasibility and best time of moving the Book Store into a store building in Lebanon.
  - e) That the Book Store cater to all evangelical Book Store business.
  - f) That we name the Book Store: "Lebanon Bible and Book Store," but include the words, "Owned and operated by Free Will Baptists" on the property.
- 3) That we send Brother Andy Lay and Brother O. T. Allred as official representatives to the National Association's Study Commission to revise chapter 13 (Perservance) and chapter 18, Section 3 (Feet Washing) of the National Treatise, and that we pay the expenses they incur in going.
- 4) That the following co-operative fund budget be adopted:

52% National Association	\$23,920.00
3% Oklahoma Bible College	1,380.00
45% State Association	20,700.00

(Break down as follows)

14% Promotional Department	\$6,440.00
16% Home Missions	7,360.00
8¼% General Fund	3,795.00
3¾% GEM	1,725.00
2% Youth Camp	920.00



1% S.S. & C.T.S. Bd. . . . . .460.00  
\$20,700.00

(NOTE: The above budget was not adopted. See minutes of Thursday, August 22, 9 A.M. Session.)

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name." Psalm 29:2a

With gladness and thanksgiving to God, we bring this report to the fifty-fifth session of the Missouri State Association.

### PROMOTION:

We have travelled many miles this year in the interest of our denominational work in Missouri. In addition to preaching and promoting the work in scores of churches, I attended one time or more each quarterly or fifth Sunday meeting in the State Association. Following last year's State Association I attended, as a delegated representative of the State, the Trustee Board meeting of Oklahoma Bible College for the purpose of determining its development. I also attended the semi-annual promotional secretaries meeting in Nashville, Tennessee March 28 and 29, and the National Association in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 15-18.

I operated our Free Will Baptist Book Store, and set up our Bible and Book stand in the various district meetings attended. I helped dedicate two churches during this year.

You will observe the co-operative giving almost reached the proposed budget of \$44,000 with the help of 12 new churches that adopted or readopted the program during this year of 1967-1968.

### State of Missouri Free Will Baptists Co-operative Giving by Individual Churches August 1, 1967-July 31, 1968

Name of Church	Amount Received	Name of Church	Amount Received
Alton . . . . .	\$ 50.80	Monett . . . . .	\$1,567.49
Aulsbury Chapel . . . . .	521.20	Mt. Pisgah . . . . .	160.61
Beacon . . . . .	1,415.08	Mt. Grove . . . . .	2,446.16
Berkeley . . . . .	3,307.26	Mt. Valley . . . . .	170.34
Black Oak . . . . .	40.00	Myrtle . . . . .	537.88
Buffalo . . . . .	63.00	New Harmony S.S. . . . .	65.92
Cabool . . . . .	431.52	New Home . . . . .	33.30
Cape Girardeau . . . . .	433.76	New Home, Mission Assn. . . . .	1.00
Carterville . . . . .	226.01	New Prospect S.S. . . . .	92.96
Central, Kansas City . . . . .	1,479.99	North Side, St. Louis . . . . .	55.01
Cope . . . . .	239.35	Oak Grove . . . . .	17.00
Copper Mines . . . . .	548.99	O'Fallon . . . . .	493.04
Cuba First . . . . .	379.76	Oskaloosa . . . . .	147.75
Desloge, Parkview . . . . .	1,130.68	Overland . . . . .	3,492.00
Desota . . . . .	384.71	Pleasant Hill, Couch. . . . .	40.00
Eldorado Springs . . . . .	62.93	Pleasant Hill S.S. Miss. Assn. . . . .	9.45

Faith and Hope	27.00	Pleasant Home	80.81
Farmington	1,590.76	Richwoods	359.98
Fellowship	600.00	Rock Chapel	281.53
Flat River	201.00	Royal Oak	5.00
Fredericktown	1,320.17	St. Joseph	32.92
Garfield	328.44	Salem	120.00
Grace, Arnold	1,648.97	Smyrna	20.00
Granby	29.65	South Side, St. Louis	1,778.57
Grant Avenue	1,441.13	Sunnyview	35.00
Hannon	691.26	Thayer	624.52
Hickory Grove	108.03	Trinity, St. Louis	200.00
Hurryville	914.00	Twin City	444.17
Independence	314.34	Twin Oaks	450.00
Jefferson City	70.75	Union Chapel	100.00
Kirksville	330.00	Verdella	471.80
Leadington	1,434.00	Victory	1,572.80
Lebanon, First	799.00	Virburnum	280.42
Little Vine	5.00	Waynesville	591.24
Macedonia, Liberty Assoc.	100.00	West Plains	514.00
Marshfield	2.00	Willow Springs	228.32
Martinstown	25.00	Rev. Robert Carlson	25.00
Meramec Heights	60.00	A Good Samaritan	50.53
Merl's Chapel	259.17	Marzella Henderson	40.00
Mill Creek	290.52	Olivett	195.78
Mine LaMotte	132.83	Union Light	170.00
Total Co-operative Funds Received			\$41,440.36

### TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 1967-July 31, 1968

Co-operative Funds Received ..... \$41,440.36

55% Disbursed to seven National Departments:

.55% - National Laymen's Department	\$ 227.92
1.65% - National Superannuation Department	683.77
5.50% - National Church Training Service	2,279.22
8.80% - National Home Missions Department	3,646.75
11.00% - National Executive Department	4,558.44
11.55% - Free Will Baptist Bible College	4,786.36
15.95% - National Foreign Missions Department	6,609.74
55% to National Departments	\$22,792.20

45% Disbursed to six Missouri State Departments:

1.00% - Missouri S.S. and C.T.S. Department	\$ 414.40
2.00% - Missouri Youth Camp	828.80
3.75% - Missouri Free Will Baptist GEM	1,554.01
8.25% - Missouri General Fund	3,418.85
14.00% - Missouri Promotion Department	5,801.65
16.00% - Missouri State Home Missions	6,630.45
45% to State Departments	\$18,648.16

100% Total Amount Disbursed ..... \$41,440.36

## GENERAL FUND

August 1, 1967-July 31, 1968

### Received:

Designated gifts and offerings from Churches	\$ 38.12
8.25% of Co-operative Receipts	3,418.85
Minute money from local Associations	167.13
Total Received	\$3,624.10

### Disbursed:

Deficit forwarded, July 31, 1967	\$ 253.23
General Board Travel Expenses	385.56
Postage	11.00
Phone Call for General Board	13.34
500 - 1968 Programs, 500 - Statistical Forms	91.25
Badges, 1967 and 1968 (2 Years)	92.00
Check charge	6.08
Leona Thompson, Honorarium	10.00
National Association Delegates Fees	75.00
1967 Clerk's Salary, Frank Giunta	60.00
12 Monthly installments on Headquarters Building @ \$162.00	1,944.00
Paint and Plumbing parts for Apartment	21.02
Plaque	20.66
1/3 Share of Insurance on building (\$17,500.00)	44.00
Total Disbursed Including Deficit Forwarded	\$3,027.14

Total Received	\$3,624.10
Total Disbursed	3,027.14
Balance 7/31/68	\$ 596.96*

\*Indicates bill outstanding for 1967 Minutes of \$274.64

## FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

### Received:

3.75% of Co-operative Funds	\$1,554.01
Subscriptions	2,132.42
Total Received	\$3,686.43

### Disbursed:

Deficit forwarded July 31, 1967	\$ 249.83
Editor's Salary	600.00
Printing of Gem	2,705.00
Postage	22.04
Phone	23.78
Film	10.72
Total Disbursed	\$3,611.77

Balance July 31, 1968	\$74.66*
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\*Designates figure which was in the red last year, now in the black.

## DESIGNATED MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

August 1, 1967—July 31, 1968

Wade Jernigan, Honorium for Message 1967 Session	\$100.00
National Home Missions General Fund	31.15
National Foreign Missions General Fund	21.65
Herbert Waid	5.00
Jimmy McLain	45.00
Missouri State Home Missions	16.70
Missouri State Youth Camp	16.70
St. Joseph Church Project, State Meeting 1967	43.30
Total Received and Disbursed	\$280.00

## PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

August 1, 1967—July 31, 1968

### Received:

Balance forwarded July 31, 1967	\$3,082.62
14% Co-operative Funds	5,801.65
Other receipts	35.00
Total Received	\$8,911.27

### Disbursed:

FWB Bible College (voted at 1967 session)	\$1,000.00
1/3 share of Insurance on Building (\$17,500.00)	44.00
12 months Salary	5,175.00
Christmas Bonus	100.00
Postage Supplies and Incidentals	55.45
Utilities, Electric and Fuel	266.74
Harry Beatty's Social Security for 1967	179.92
11,595 miles travelled @ 11 cents per mile	1,275.71
1,160 miles to National @ 6 cents per mile	69.60
Total Disbursed	\$8,166.42
Balance July 31, 1968	\$752.86

## BOOK STORE RECEIPTS

August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

### Received:

Balance forwarded July 31, 1967	\$ 2,484.32
Harry Beatty, Telephone calls re-imbursement	114.50
Bibles, Books and Materials	7,739.84
Total Received	\$10,338.66

### Disbursed:

Bibles, Books and Materials	\$5,824.75
City License	17.62
Liability Insurance	25.00
1/3 share of Insurance on Building (\$17,500.00)	44.00

Sales Tax, State, 3%	83.59
Postage and Freight	144.33
Telephone	395.33
Headquarters Office and Book Store Utilities	288.18
Social Security for T. A. Fore	15.40
Labor in Book Store	252.43
Miscellaneous Supplies	29.55
Check charge at Bank	1.50
<b>Total Disbursed</b>	<b>\$7,121.68</b>

Balance, July 31, 1968 .....\$3,216.98

### MISSOURI STATE HEADQUARTERS ASSETS

August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Cash on hand in Book Store Account	\$ 3,216.98
Inventory of Stock, July 31, 1968	3,021.00
Accounts Receivable: Open Account	100.00
VBS Account	300.00
Office Equipment	150.00
Property, Living Quarters, Desk and Cabinets	15,000.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$21,787.98</b>

### EXECUTIVE CHURCH BONDS MATURITY AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

December 28, 1961 to July 31, 1967

(70 Payments)	\$ 8,928.00
12 monthly payments @ \$162.00	1,944.00
82 payments TOTAL	\$10,912.00

Bonds Matured and Cashed in 1967 and 1968:

Bond No. 15	\$100.00
Bond No. 16	500.00
Bond No. 17	100.00
Bond No. 18	500.00
Bond No. 19	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>

Bonds unmatured as of July 31, 1968 .....\$13,250.00

### RECAP OF ALL MONIES

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Co-operative Fund	\$41,440.36	\$41,440.36	\$ .00
Promotional Dept. inc. bal. fd.	8,919.27	8,166.42	752.86
Book Store inc. bal. fd.	10,338.66	7,121.68	3,216.98
Designated Monies	280.00	280.00	.00
General Fund inc. def. fd.	3,624.10	3,027.14	596.96*
FWB GEM inc. def. fd.	3,686.43	3,611.77	74.66*

Designated monies for National and  
State Dept. forwarded directly to  
those Departments .....

5,051.94

Balance in all accounts, July 31, 1968 .....\$4,641.46

\* Designates figures which were in the red last year, now they are in the black.

### BOOK STORE BUDGET 1968-1969

#### Proposed Receipts:

Balance plus inventory .....	\$ 6,637.98
Sale of Bibles, Books, etc. ....	7,800.00
Total Proposed Receipts	\$14,437.98

#### Proposed Disbursements:

Books, Bibles, and Supplies .....	\$ 6,000.00
Utilities .....	300.00
Labor in Store .....	300.00
Telephone .....	240.00
Postage and Freights .....	150.00
Sales Tax, 3% .....	125.00
License .....	25.00
Miscellaneous .....	60.00
½ insurance on Headquarters Building .....	66.00
Liability Insurance .....	25.00
Total Proposed Disbursements	\$ 7,291.00

Balance to be accounted for .....	\$14,437.98
Proposed Disbursements .....	7,291.00
Proposed Balance .....	\$ 7,146.98

### GENERAL FUND BUDGET 1968-1969

#### Proposed Receipts:

Balance in General Fund, July 31, 1968 .....	\$ 596.96
8.25% of Co-operative Fund (\$46,000.00) .....	3,795.00
Money for Minutes .....	170.00
Total Proposed Receipts	\$ 4,561.96

#### Proposed Disbursements:

General Board Travel Expenses .....	\$ 500.00
Postage .....	15.00
Phone .....	25.00
Programs and Badges (1969) .....	100.00
National Association Delegates Fees .....	75.00
Clerk's Salary .....	80.00
12 payments on Headquarters Building @ 162.00 .....	1,944.00
Miscellaneous .....	400.00

1967 Minutes	274.64
1968 Minutes	300.00
Total Proposed Disbursements	\$ 3,713.64
Balance to be Accounted for	\$ 4,561.96
Proposed Disbursements	3,713.64
Proposed balance	\$ 848.32

## PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT BUDGET 1967-1968

### Proposed Receipts:

Balance of July 31, 1968	\$ 752.86
14% of Co-operative Fund (\$46,000.00)	6,440.00
Total Proposed Receipts	\$ 7,192.86

### Proposed Disbursements:

Promotional Man's Salary	\$ 5,200.00
Christmas Bonus	100.00
Postage, Supplies, etc.	60.00
Utilities	260.00
Social Security	180.00
Milage (12,000 miles @ 11 cents per mile)	1,320.00
½ Insurance on Headquarters Building	66.00
Total Proposed Disbursements	\$ 7,186.00

Balance to be accounted for	\$ 7,192.86
Proposed Disbursements	7,186.00
Proposed balance	\$ 6.86

## REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

This past year we can thank the Lord for the blessings He gave to us. At the end of last year, we still were \$249.83 in the red, but at the close of this year, we have cleared this off and we are in the black to the amount of \$74.66. Again we say, "Praise the Lord."

We now have 2200 copies of the GEM that is mailed out each month. We thank the Lord for this also. We have lost a couple of Churches that have not paid their bill but we have added a couple to replace them. We are still sending complimentary copies to the different promotional men and to our Home and Foreign Missionaries.

Concerning the budget, I do not feel that I could present one due to the fact that a committee was selected to upgrade the GEM and this same committee was to meet with me and discuss ways we could improve our GEM in the matter of printing and such. Since this committee did not meet with me and nothing was presented to me concerning what they will be proposing, I feel I could not present a budget.

(Signed) C. R. Hill, Editor

## GEM BUDGET

### Proposed income:

Subscriptions . . . . .	\$2,175.00
Co-operative Fund . . . . .	1,725.00
Total Proposed Income	\$3,900.00

### Proposed expenses:

Editor's Salary . . . . .	\$ 600.00
Printing of GEM . . . . .	3,000.00
Office Supplies, Postage, film, phone calls . . . . .	100.00
Promotional Work . . . . .	200.00
Total Proposed Expenses	\$3,900.00

## GEM EDITOR'S RESIGNATION

After much prayer and consideration, I feel it would be in the Lord's will for me to resign as Editor of the Free Will Baptist GEM. I thank the Lord for the opportunity I have had to be the Editor. The Lord has blessed each year of operation. When I took over as editor, we had between 50-60 churches on the Family Plan, now we have around 100. Also, the GEM was in the red close to \$600.00 and in the six years I have served as Editor, we have cleared this away and are in the black at the present. Again I say, "Thank the Lord for this."

I would also like to request that my resignation be placed in the State Minutes.

(Signed) Rev. C. R. Hill

## REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, suggest that we stand for a moment of silent prayer in memory of our brothers and sisters who have gone home to be with Christ this past year, and then be led in prayer by Bro. Cecil Campbell.

(Signed): Brenda Evans, chairman

Helen McAllister, Jo Pingleton, Lou Thurston, Deloris Loveless

## REPORT OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Missions Committee, offer the following recommendations:

- 1) We recommend special attention be directed to our missionary endeavors; namely Columbia, St. Joseph, Independence, and Marshall.
- 2) We further recommend our churches be urged to give consistently to the State Home Missions General Fund by designated giving.
- 3) We further recommend that our Free Will Baptist people be urged to faithfully support the entire National Missions program by prayer and financial support.



4) We further recommend that our people pause to thank God for the moving of His Spirit in our midst which made it possible for us to meet our missions quota this past year.

(Signed): Cliff Bowman, chairman  
J. A. Franklin, Alton Loveless,  
F. D. Johnson, O. T. Allred

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Item No. 1: Be it resolved that the State Association raise \$2,500.00 for the expense of the National Association in St. Louis; that each Association raise a proportion of that amount based on its membership and that the Gem Editor, Clerk, and the Promotional Secretary serve as a committee to formulate the plans for raising the money and execute them.

Item No. 2: Be it resolved that the General Board be instructed to conduct an audit of the various financial reports and report to the State Association.

Item No. 3: Be it resolved that the State Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Indian Creek Association, the Joplin Church, and the Pastor for the wonderful job in hosting the 55th Session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

(Signed): Tom Carlson, chairman  
Jim McAllister, Luther Gibson,  
R. B. Spurgeon, Jack Stallings

## REPORT OF THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

We recommend that Missouri Free Will Baptists secure, for their homes, and read copies of all National and Missouri State Publications such as: CONTACT, HEARTBEAT, GEM, MISSIONGRAMS, DEPTH, FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE BULLETIN.

We further recommend that the local Church assume their responsibility. We further recommend that the local Church assume their responsibility of keeping the afore mentioned publications in the hands of our service men.

We also recommend that as many as possible of the State and Regional publications by Free Will Baptists across our Nation be secured by Missouri Free Will Baptists so that we may be better informed.

We further recommend, for a better understanding of the times, that the Publications of the Commission on Theological Liberalism of the National Association of Free Will Baptists be secured and studied.

Whereas, we recognize the increasing problem of pornographic literature placed before our young people, we the Committee, recommend that every Free Will Baptist take action against such traffic and give their commendation to those who clean their place of business of such material.

We recommend that a written contract be entered into by this State Association and a printer for the publication of our State minutes, and in the

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STATISTICAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

	Cave Springs	Central Western	Indian Creek	Liberty
Associations Reporting				
Churches Reporting	21	13	9	17
Total Membership	1671	860	821	1,990
Ordained Ministers	14	17	18	29
Licensed Ministers	4	6	7	3
Deacons	36	25	28	33
Sunday School Enrollment	570	843	576	589
Sunday School Average Attendance	50	720	458	323
Church Training Service Enrollment	102	304	170	45
Church Training Service Average Attendance	28	286	140	70
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	61	76	60	91
Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	11	48	38	73
Master's Men Enrollment	none	17	13	35
Master's Men Average Attendance	none	17	13	20
Spent for Local Causes	24,849.65	30,023.59	26,002.44	37,115
Total Spent for Outside Causes				
Co-operative Plan	2,192.89	5,647.32	2,051.34	305.60
Foreign Missions	1,451.91	3,696.86	2,077.32	30.59
National and State Home Missions	931.00	1,686.88	1,422.92	234.1
Bible Colleges	60.00	236.39	none	50.00
Youth Camp	176.35	124.25	148.00	83.70
Superannuation	49.17		none	22.32
Others				
Number of Parsonages				
Value of Church Property	164,300.00	417,400.00	211,500.00	291.00
Value of Parsonages	5,000.00		28,000.00	500.00
Value of Associational and State Property				

# ICAL REPORT

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## ATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Liberty	Mission	Niangua	Northeast	Northwest	Southeast	State Total
						9
17	13	5	5	2	31	116
1890	1,079	401	359	105	3,311	10,597
29	19	6	4	2	51	160
3	4	2	1		13	40
33	41	8	9	6	26	212
559	489	97	219	55		3,438
873	537	150	243	50	2,980	6,011
45	168		60		982	1,831
70	200		57			781
91	13		43		294	638
73	9		22			201
35	6					71
30	4					54
2115	11,770.31	6,582.18	14,751.68	653.08	143,123.94	300,674.02
1560	988.96		390.93		22,407.40	36,284.44
3059	1,160.35		1,763.43		9,752.58	21,033.04
3341	765.07		611.31	16.34	3,609.57	10,066.50
3200	none		186.79		967.91	2,531.09
3370	725.00		83.45	16.35	864.00	1,821.09
2232						71.49
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2591.00	87,300.00	26,000.00	130,000.00	20,000.00	1,653,500.24	2,960,191.25
10.00	6,060.00		21,000.00			76,560.00

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(Signed): Bill Evans, chairman  
Bob King, Lawrence Thompson, Peggy Davis,  
Elizabeth Gibson

### **LETTER OF REQUEST**

To the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists  
When convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church,  
Joplin, Missouri:

We, the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting, respectfully request that the 1969 session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist convene in our area at the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church.

Sincerely,  
Leadington Free Will Baptist Church  
(Signed): Frank Giunta, Pastor

### **REPORT OF THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE**

We, the placement committee, recommend that the State Association accept the invitation of the Leadington Free Will Baptist Church of Leadington, Missouri, and make this our home for the 1969 setting of the State Association of Free Will Baptists.

(Signed): Gene McCully, chairman  
Milan J. Ruble, George Bryant  
Cletus Nichols, Len Gardner

### **REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend the following:

1) That as Free Will Baptists we take a firm stand on Bible Holiness. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in fear of God." II Cor. 7:1.

2) That our Church members give themselves to modest dress as children of God. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own." I Cor. 6:19.

3) That our Church members give themselves to thorough personal Bible study and effective prayer, faithful attendance at each service including local and Associational meetings, and a greater supporting with our tithes and offerings of our denominational work for a world-wide outreach for souls.

4) That we put I Thessalonians 5:22, which reads: "abstain from all appearance of evil," into practice in our daily lives.

(Signed): Johnnie Land, Chairman  
Dale Broyles, Dave Parrot, Don Jones

**STATE HOME MISSIONS BOARD**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
Year Ending July 31, 1968

**GENERAL FUND — Checking Account:**

Cash Balance August 1, 1967 .....\$ 1,951.78

**Receipts:**

Co-operative Fund .....\$ 7,361.02

Undesignated Gifts .....998.25

Designated Gifts for Cape Church 1,163.53

Designated Gifts for St. Joseph .3,041.68

Designated Gifts for Marshall ....114.67

Designated Gifts for DeSoto .....380.00

Designated Gifts for Independence .26.00

Designated Gifts for Columbia ....18.75

Total Receipts .....\$13,103.90

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR: .....\$15,055.68**

**Disbursements:**

**Cape Church**

Salary .....\$ 3,140.00

Insurance .....144.00

Other .....273.21

**\$ 3,557.21**

**St. Joseph**

Salary .....\$ 4,700.00

Insurance .....304.68

Itinerant .....137.54

Moving .....188.04

Other .....69.50

**\$ 5,399.76**

Independence (Rent) .....\$ 1,200.00

DeSoto Mission .....271.96

Marshall Church .....1,700.00

Miscellaneous (Travel,

Supplies, Telephone) .....598.82

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .....\$12,727.75**

Balance in General Fund July 31, 1968 .....\$ 2,327.93

**LOAN FUND — Savings Account**

Cash Balance August 1, 1967 .....\$ 1,834.64

**Receipts**

Interest on Bonds .....\$ 246.00

Interest on Savings Account .....88.37

Repayment on O'Fallon Loan ....630.00

Repayment on El Dorado Loan ..1,080.32

Repayment of Cape Loan .....90.00

Repayment of Independence Loan .30.00

**TOTAL RECEIPTS .....\$ 2,164.69**

Total to be Accounted For: .....	\$ 3,999.33
Disbursements	
Loan to St. Joseph Church . . . \$	200.00
Total Disbursements . . . . . \$	200.00
Balance in Loan Fund Account July 31, 1968 .....	\$ 3,799.33

**PROPOSED BUDGET – GENERAL FUND**  
**For Year 1968-1969**

Income – General Fund	
Co-operative Fund Receipts (16%) .....	\$ 7,360.00
Miscellaneous Receipts (designated, other) . . .	.5,000.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b> .....	<b>\$12,360.00</b>

Expenses – General Fund	
Columbia Mission .....	\$ 5,200.00
St. Joseph Church .....	4,550.00
Other Church Expense .....	1,950.00
Itinerant (Columbia) .....	200.00
Moving Expenses .....	610.00
Board Expenses .....	300.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b> .....	<b>\$12,810.00</b>

**DEFICIT OF ACCOUNT DURING YEAR – GENERAL FUND    \$    450.00**

**BALANCE SHEET**

July 31, 1968

**Current Assets:**

Cash in Bank (Checking Account) .....	\$ 2,327.93
Cash in Bank (Savings Account) .....	3,799.33
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b> .....	<b>.6,127.26</b>

**Other Assets:**

Beacon Church Bonds .....	\$ 1,000.00
Grace Church Bonds .....	1,500.00
Olivet Church Bonds .....	1,500.00
Loan: Cape Girardeau .....	3,000.00
Loan: Independence .....	2,500.00
<b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS</b> .....	<b>\$ 9,600.00</b>

**Equipment:**

Adding Machine .....	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b> .....	<b>\$15,777.16</b>

# **ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS TO THE MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD**

We, the Home Mission Board of Missouri, are indeed grateful for the following contributors to the State Home Mission work for the year 1967-68.

Madison Co. Quart. Meet. . .	\$231.81	Mill Creek, Fredericktown. . .	\$ 70.50
Union Light . . . . .	60.00	Fellowship, Flat River . . . .	180.00
Hartville Church . . . . .	165.10	Hazel Creek Church . . . . .	20.62
Hannon Church . . . . .	401.69	Farmington Church . . . . .	210.00
Victory, Kansas City . . . .	281.13	Jones Chapel Church . . . . .	177.62
Joplin Church . . . . .	17.25	Oskaloosa Church . . . . .	88.00
Central, Kansas City . . . .	457.27	Merl's Chapel, Cassville. . . .	128.64
Monett Church . . . . .	340.00	Verdella Church . . . . .	26.22
St. Francis Co. Quart. Meet..	660.0	Hurryville, Farmington. . . .	30.00
Mine LaMotte Church . . . .	60.00	Granby Church . . . . .	35.09
Berkely, St. Louis . . . . .	66.45	West Plains Church . . . . .	72.00
Festus Church . . . . .	38.00	Grace Church, Arnold . . . .	142.50
Fourth Church . . . . .	26.30	Overland, St. Louis . . . . .	197.75
Alton Church . . . . .	20.00	Mrs. Geneva Sorrell . . . . .	10.00
Mr. Jesse Garrison . . . . .	20.00	Clifton Church, Thayer. . . .	44.50
Mr. Charles Gowers . . . . .	5.00	Mr. Newt Risner . . . . .	10.00
Smyrna Church, Alton . . . .	28.51	Pleasant Grove Church . . . .	25.29
Mt. Pisgah, Cabool . . . . .	35.00	New Rock Springs, Cabool . . .	51.10
Thayer Church . . . . .	223.68	Rev. & Mrs. Johnnie Land . . .	42.50
Pleasant Hill Church, Thayer	44.00	Mrs. Olga Helsey . . . . .	32.00
Twin Oaks, Fredericktown . .	45.00	Mr. & Mrs. Orville Goger . . .	10.00
Rev. & Mrs. Cletus Nichols . .	9.00	Olivet Church, Marshall . . . .	32.00
Independence Church . . . .	18.75	First, Cape Girardeau . . . .	7.64
Garfield Church . . . . .	172.44	Home Missions Bd., Indian Ck. .	50.00
Rev. & Mrs. Bernard Roberts .	10.00	Mr. & Mrs. Lee Bunton . . . .	50.00
First Church, Fredericktown. .	144.99	Kansas City Quart. Meet. . . .	25.00
Mr. Chester Raymer . . . . .	20.00	Central Western Assn. . . . .	26.00
Myrtle Ladies Aux. . . . .	40.00	Thayer Ladies Aux. . . . .	38.00
Grant Ave. Ladies Aux. . . .	36.53	Kirksville Ladies Aux. . . . .	28.28
Hazel Creek Ladies Aux. . . .	14.84	West Plains Ladies Aux. . . .	43.50
Monett Ladies Aux. . . . .	24.55	Alton Ladies Aux. . . . .	26.00
Beacon Ladies Aux. . . . .	24.71	Trinity Ladies Aux. . . . .	12.04
Mountain Grove Aux. . . . .	16.26	Victory Ladies Aux. . . . .	20.00
Southside Ladies Aux. . . . .	19.03	St. Louis Dis. Aux. . . . .	12.50
Verdella Ladies Aux. . . . .	10.00	Faith Ladies Aux. . . . .	1.00
Willow Springs Ladies Aux. . .	7.05	Fredericktown Ladies Aux. . .	7.18
Joplin Ladies Aux. . . . .	15.00	Neosho Ladies Aux. . . . .	6.50
New Harmony Ladies Aux. . . .	7.85	Hannon Ladies Aux. . . . .	20.00
Lebanon Ladies Aux. . . . .	6.50		

This does not include Co-operative Fund giving.

A very special "THANK YOU" from your State Home Mission Board, for your cooperation in making this the greatest year ever for State Home Missions. Please — place State Home Missions in your budget for the coming year.

**MISSOURI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL  
AND CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD**  
Financial Report for 1967-1968

RECEIPTS:	Proposed	Actual
Balance brought forward .....	\$ 419.23	\$ 390.23
Cooperative Fund, 1% .....	440.00	414.40
Church Gifts .....	100.00	156.00
1968 CTS entry fees .....	200.00	243.00
Totals .....	\$1,159.23	\$1,203.63

DISBURSEMENTS:		
Office supplies, postage, secretary .....	\$ 59.23	\$ 58.45
Mileage and Board expenses .....	100.00	73.90
Awards and Trophies .....	100.00	201.61
National Contestands, expenses and entry fees ..	300.00	305.00
Honorarium and convention expenses .....	450.00	341.34
Refund for ineligible team .....	.00	10.00
Totals .....	\$1,009.23	\$ 990.30

Proposed Receipts .....\$1,159.23  
Proposed disbursements ...1,009.23  
Proposed balance .....\$ 150.00

Actual receipts .....\$1,203.63  
Actual disbursements ...990.30  
Balance 8/1/68 .....\$ 213.33



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE BOARD

Proposed Budget 1968-69

### Proposed Receipts:

Balance brought forward	\$ 213.33
Co-operative Fund, 1%	440.00
Church Gifts	175.00
1969 C.T.S. entry fees	250.00
Total Proposed receipts	\$1,078.33

### Proposed Disbursements:

Office supplies, postage, secretary	\$ 65.00
Mileage and Board expenses	100.00
Awards and Trophies	175.00
National Contestants, expenses and entry fees	330.00
Honorarium and convention expenses	325.00
Total proposed disbursements	\$ 995.00

Total Proposed Receipts \$1,078.33

Total Proposed Disbursements 995.00

PROPOSED BALANCE \$ 83.33

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

We, the Superannuation Board, offer the following recommendations:

1. That a complete registration of all ministers be made, as to Birth Date, dependants, etc., and that the record be kept with the Superannuation Board.
2. That all retired Ministers and/or Ministers' widows be immediately enrolled with the Superannuation Board.
3. That 1% of the Cooperative fund of the state be designated to the Superannuation Board.
4. That the churches be requested to share the Pastor's Insurance premiums or Social Security payments.
5. That a Representative of the Superannuation Board visit the churches, (upon invitation by the church) to explain the program.
6. That the Superannuation Board continue their plans for a Ministers Benefits Association organization.

(Signed): Jack Stallings, Chairman

James Barker

Cletus Nichols

Cecil H. Campbell

# **MISSOURI STATE SUPERANNUATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Financial Statement for August 1, 1967 - July 31, 1968

Cash on hand in the Citizen Bank of Liberal	.....\$1,755.92
Money Received	..... .00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>.....\$1,755.92</b>

Disbursements as follows:

Retired Ministers Christmas gifts December 13, 1967	
(R. Clarence Dodson)	.....\$ 25.00
Insurance Committee travel and telephone expenses	
Alton Loveless (Sept. 18, 1967)	.....\$ 13.95
Alton Loveless (Dec. 20, 1967)	.....14.96
Alton Loveless (Feb. 7, 1968)	.....21.84
Andy Lay (Feb. 7, 1968)	.....23.10
Alton Loveless (Feb. 28, 1968)	.....13.41
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>..... \$ 112.26</b>

Cash on hand in Citizens Bank of Liberal	.....\$1,643.66
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## **MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP**

Financial Report for 1968

Receipts:

State Co-operative Fund	.....\$ 863.01
Free Will Offerings	.....848.03
Registration (Meals, Insurance, etc.)	.....5,520.00
Refreshment Stand	.....1,863.52
Renting of Camp	.....300.00
Balance brought forward	.....400.62
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>.....\$9,795.18</b>

Expenditures:

Utilities	.....\$ 604.05
Groceries	.....2,621.80
Supplies for Refreshment Stand	.....1,278.92
Insurance	.....587.25
Kitchen Help	.....440.00
Salary for Caretaker	.....600.00
Material for improvements	
(not including siding)	.....266.45
Mileage — Camp workers and Board Members	.....590.81
Paper plates, cups, etc.	.....365.84
Restroom supplies	.....66.28
Crier	.....50.00
Postage	.....28.00
Printing (Cards, programs)	.....50.15

Literature .....	119.75
Incidentals .....	198.11
First Aid Supplies .....	53.69
Paid on indebtedness .....	566.50
Repair on refrigerators .....	162.30
L.L. Day Company .....	374.16
Total Expenditures .....	\$9,023.86

BALANCE ON HAND .....\$ 771.32

### MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

Proposed Budget 1968-69

#### Proposed Receipts:

State Co-operative Funds .....	\$ 900.00
Free Will Offerings .....	954.00
Registration (Meals, Insurance, etc.) .....	5,500.00
Refreshment Stand .....	1,860.00
Renting of Camp .....	300.00
Amount to be paid on bank note .....	736.70
Total Proposed Receipts .....	\$10,250.70

#### Proposed Expenditures:

Utilities .....	\$ 600.00
Groceries .....	2,700.00
Supplies for refreshment stand .....	1,300.00
Insurance .....	590.00
Kitchen Help .....	440.00
Salary for Caretaker .....	600.00
Material for improvements .....	200.00
Mileage for camp personnel and Board members ..	600.00
Paper plates, cups, etc. ....	370.00
Restroom supplies .....	84.00
Crier .....	50.00
Postage .....	30.00
Printing (Programs, report cards, etc.) .....	55.00
Locker rent .....	15.00
Literature (Camp Bible School & other) .....	120.00
First Aid Supplies .....	60.00
Incidentals .....	200.00
Improvements (enlarging Tabernacle, building two new classrooms, and enlarging restrooms) .....	1,500.00
Retiring indebtedness .....	736.70
Total Proposed Expenditures .....	\$10,250.70

Under Proposed Receipts, the \$954.00 from Free Will Offerings and \$736.70 Bank Loan can be reached if several churches will give \$10.00 a month above their regular giving.

## LETTER FROM MISSIONARIES JIM AND OLENA MCLAIN

August 6, 1968

Dear Friends,

Each month as we receive a statement of our donors, we rejoice with the faithfulness of those who promised to give to our account.

We are especially thankful for those who promised to give during the State Association in August, 1967, and have remained faithful. We cannot help but notice that a good per cent of our support comes from Missouri.

The Lord has blessed us with health and happiness in Japan. We are also beginning to grasp the language after six months in language school. Jim has finished the first half of the beginning Japanese course and I should be able to finish in about a week after we return to school. We are off the month of August for a rest. In September we start reading and writing. To be able to read a Japanese newspaper you have to know 1,850 different symbols. Some of these symbols have 18 different strokes in them, so you can see it will be a hard road ahead for us.

We appreciate your prayers for us. Please don't forget us. The devil works hard in lands where the Gospel has not been spread.

Sincerely in Christ,  
(Signed): Jim and Olena McLain

## LETTER FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, REV. J. REFORD WILSON

August 20-22, 1968

Dear Friends in Christ:

From our Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee, I bring special greetings to the Missouri State Association from Director of Deputation, Henry Van Kluyve, Director of Communications, Jerry Ballard, and the entire office staff.

You are represented by 75 missionaries appointed and serving in Brazil, Ecuador, France, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Miami-Cuba, Panama and Uruguay. They depend on your faithful intercessory ministry. They need your regular financial support.

A work of commendation is certainly in order as it relates to your foreign

missions giving over the years. The following is a report of your gifts, as a state:

Year	Quota	Donations
1963	\$21,500.00	\$18,692.76
1964	23,500.00	22,046.03
1965	23,500.00	29,936.04
1966	24,250.00	34,399.08
1967	34,000.00	35,149.80
1968 (through July)	38,750.00	22,319.98

The blessings of the Lord are upon the work in your state. I believe the Free Will Baptists of Missouri will respond to meet the needs of an expanding missionary program at home and overseas.

Frank and Marie Cousineau (French Canadians) and Robert and Judy Bryan were recently appointed to the Ivory Coast. The Cousineaus will need \$10,000 in their account and \$1,100 per month for their ministry. Some of you pastors may well lead your church to support the Cousineau family. Please let us know of your desire to send them forth.

The universal cry of all our missionaries and home staff is that of the great missionary Paul, "Brethren, pray for us." Give not only your money but also your sons and daughters who will say, "Here am I, send me."

Yours in Christ,  
(Signed): J. Reford Wilson,  
General Director

### REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend the following:

For the General Board:

- Liberty Association: Rev. Dale Jones\*
- Indian Creek: Rev. James Franklin\*
- Central Western: Rev. Glen Murray
- Cave Springs Association: Rev. Tommy Carlson\*
- Laclede County: Rev. Milan Ruble\*
- Greater Kansas City: Rev. Lawrence Thompson

For the Home Mission Board:

- Rev. Glen Rehkop: to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Leland Horton
- Rev. James McAllister: to replace himself (5-year term)

For the Youth Camp Board:

- Rev. Luther Gibson, to replace himself (5-year term)

For the Sunday School - CTS Board:

- Rev. Dale Underwood: to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Eddie Altis
- Rev. Don Jones: to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Grover Terry
- Rev. R. B. Spurgeon: to replace himself (5-year term)

For the Superannuation Board:

Rev. James O'Dell to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Cletus Nichols

Rev. Jack Stallings: to succeed himself (5-year term)

For Statistician: Miss Leona Thompson

For Assistant Clerk: Rev. Alton Loveless

For Clerk: Rev. Andy Lay

For Assistant Moderator: Rev. Tom Malone

For Moderator: Rev. Woodrow Matthews

(Signed): Dale Jones

C. R. Hill

H. R. Asher

Howard E. Filkins

G. J. Pingleton

## MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

### STATE OFFICERS — 1968-1969

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The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention opened at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 20, 1968 in the Joplin Free Will Baptist Church in Joplin, Missouri. The convention was opened by the congregation singing "Jesus Calls Us" led by our music director, Mrs. Janice Moore.

The morning devotion was given by Mrs. Delois Loveless of the Joplin Auxiliary, using II Tim. 1:16,17, as her scripture and following the theme of the day, used the Bible as an important landmark. She also used a poem which her husband, Rev. Alton Loveless, had written before concluding her devotion with prayer.

A special message in song, "We Have An Anchor," was brought by Mrs. Peggy Davis and Mrs. Jim McCallister, accompanied by Mrs. Jean Williams.

Mrs. Shirley Hunter represented the Joplin Auxiliary by bringing the Welcome address to the convention.

The Response was given by Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson of the Mountain Grove Auxiliary.

A word of greeting was given by the president, Mrs. Joanne King, who welcomed and recognized all Auxiliaries and visitors present. The committees were appointed as follows: Resolutions: State Auxiliary Officers; Registration: Verna Malone, Linda White, Brenda White; Finance: Hazel Hutsell, Dean Eaton, Lucille Beatty, Mariam Wilhite; Appreciation: Elaine Spurgeon, Jo Pingleton, Pat Elliott; Credentials: Kathy Lay, Peggy Davis, Mable Franklin. The Nominating Committee was nominated from the floor as follows:

Verna Malone representing St. Francis County District ,

Joan Filkins representing Northeast Mo. District ,

Mary Hill representing Mission District ,

Dean Eaton representing Indian Creek District ,

Iona Phillips representing Central Western District ,

Lucille Beatty representing St. Louis District ,

Gloria Carlson representing Cave Springs District.

Each of these persons were duly elected to serve on the Nominating committee with Verna Malone acting as chairman of the committee.

The congregation sang "Where He Leads, I'll Follow" led by Janice Moore. Our president, Joanne King, introduced the skit "Entertained Angels Unawares," which was presented by Verna Malone, Barbara Oxendine, Beverly Jones, Hazel Hutsell, and Reva Prinz.

The president called on Lucille Beatty to lead in prayer.

The president made the announcements, then we were dismissed with prayer led by Peggy Davis, for a short recess.

The 11:00 a.m. hour of worship began by the congregation singing "His Way With Thee" led by Janice Moore. The Beacon Auxiliary brought the special message in music by a trio, Janice Moore, Sue Cook, Polly Ellis, singing "Fill My Cup, Lord". Rev. Tom Malone led in prayer.

Mrs. Joanne King acknowledged the fact that our guest speaker, Bro. Dan Cronk, could not be with us, and introduced our speaker, Rev. Luther Gibson, as the speaker of the hour. The message followed the theme of the day - "Back to the old landmarks" and was based on the scripture Deut. 6:10-15, pointing out some of the landmarks that we should not lose: (1) inspired Bible, (2) blood atonement, (3) repentance, (4) Christian living. After Bro. Gibson concluded his message with prayer, the congregation sang "He is so Precious to Me" led by Janice Moore.

The missionary offering was received in the amount of \$100.00 after the offertory prayer by Rev. Frank Giunta.

We were dismissed for the noon hour by prayer by Rev. Bud Hill.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with Chorus Time led by Janice Moore as we sang "Heavenly Sunlight", "Every Day With Jesus", "For God so Loved the World", and "Lead Me to Some Soul".

The afternoon devotion was brought by Brenda Evans who used Deut. 6:6-7, as her scripture to show us our responsibility in teaching and reaching our own children and those in other lands. Mrs. Evans concluded her devotion with prayer.

A special message in song, "What a Precious Friend is He", was brought by the Beacon Auxiliary trio, Janice Moore, Sue Cook, and Polly Ellis, accompanied by Jean Williams at the piano.

The president, Joanne King, presided over the business session.

The report of the registration committee was read and approved.

The report of the credentials committee was read and approved.

The report of the finance committee was read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The State Auxiliary Historian, Mrs. Jewell Campbell, gave a report concerning her work and urged the local and district historians to send reports to her.

The appreciations committee report was read and approved.

The report of the resolutions committee was read and approved.

The report of the nominating committee was read and approved.

The newly elected officers were installed by an impressive installation service conducted by Mrs. Braxine Evans. A special message in song, "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know", was sung by Mrs. Mary Fortney. Mrs. Evans used the theme, "A New Name", for the installation service.

The auxiliary was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Cecil Campbell.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Registration

We, the registration committee, report 84 auxiliary members, 28 ministers, 23 visitors, making a total of 135 persons being registered.

/s/ Verna Malone, Linda White, Brenda White

### Credentials

We, the credentials committee, have examined the Standard of Achievement charts turned in or reported to us and have found seven (7) "A" Auxiliaries, eight (8) "B" Auxiliaries, and one (1) "C" Auxiliary.

We have also examined the convention dues and found them to be correct for the following Auxiliaries and Districts: Cave Springs District, St. Francois County District, Hannon Local Auxiliary, First Auxiliary Kansas City, North East Missouri District, Oskaloosa local Auxiliary, Verdella local Auxiliary, Beacon local Auxiliary, Indian Creek District, Mission District, St. Louis District, Fredericktown and Victory Auxiliaries were found to be correct also, but were sent in too late to be reported with the above.

/s/ Kathy Lay, Peggy Davis, Mable Franklin

### Finance

We, the committee on Finance have examined the Treasurer's books and find them in excellent order.

We want to commend our Treasurer for the diligent care and effort exerted in keeping a detailed report and especially providing such an informative report for us today. Thus we recommend that this delegation give an honorarium of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to our State Treasurer.

Since this department is our channeling agency for all Missouri giving, we recommend that all local auxiliaries and district conventions, be urged to send all contributions through our State Treasurer's office.

/s/ Hazel Hutsell, Mariam Willhite, Deanne Eaton, Lucille Beatty.

### Appreciation

We, the appreciation committee, wish to express our gratitude to the following for their work and faithfulness in making our State convention a real blessing to each one.

1. To our State Officers for their service during the past year.
2. To all those who are participating on the program or have helped in any way.
3. To Rev. Luther Gibson for the challenging message.
4. To the Joplin Free Will Baptist church for their friendliness and warm hospitality.
5. To Brother Alton Loveless for the mimeographed copies of the resolutions report.

/s/ Elaine Spurgeon, Jo Pingleton, Pat Elliott.

## Resolutions

1. We recommend that we comply with the following resolutions which were accepted at the 1968 WNAC convention, which read:

A. We recommend that we re-emphasize the importance of Vice-Presidents and Field Workers in the State and District working together to contact pastors who do not have a Woman's Auxiliary in their church; informing them of the work of the Auxiliary.

B. Whereas debate over war cannot blot out the unbelievable human suffering that has been caused by years of conflict in Vietnam, and Whereas the World Relief Commission (relief arm of NAE) is working in Vietnam supplying food, clothing, and other types of assistance, and Whereas, NAE's World Relief Commission's ministry is also a vehicle whereby man may hear of the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we recommend that Auxiliaries so desiring, demonstrate Christian love and concern in a united Thanksgiving effort through one of the following ways:

Clothing contributions

Bundles for Leprosy Patients

We further recommend that pamphlets concerning these projects be made available at WNAC office.

AND we further recommend that the local Presidents charge the Corresponding Secretary to obtain the pamphlets from WNAC and give due consideration to them.

C. That the theme, watchword, and hymn for 1969-70 be as follows:

Theme: Fruitful Unto Every Good Work

Watchword: "I have chosen you . . . that ye should go and bring forth fruit." (John 15:16)

Hymn: "The Call for Reapers"

2. We recommend that we abolish the policy of sending Auxiliary Achievement Charts to the state meeting for grading, and that each Auxiliary grade their own Achievement Chart, and that we comply with the Woman's Auxiliary Manual, page 14, concerning Woman's Auxiliary Achievement charts. We further recommend that due recognition will be given "A-1" auxiliaries that report on time, which is the last of May, with their annual reports.

3. We recommend that each member of the Executive Committee have an article for the Woman's Page in the GEM one month in the year as designated by the Executive Committee.

4. We recommend that the Executive committee be given the authority to appoint the Editor for the Woman's Page in the GEM.

5. We recommend that we, the State Auxiliary, give \$10.00 per month to the Missouri Youth Camp to improve bathroom facilities, funds to come from State project, and that as our State project for 1968-69 we support the Missouri State Home Mission Board and their work in the Mission in Columbia, Missouri, and that our slogan be "Build a Fort for Vandivort".

6. We recommend that we have a Retreat for the women of the auxiliaries this year and that the Executive Committee make the plans.

7. We recommend that we apply our offering received today to our State project.

## Nominating

We, your nominating committee, submit the following names for Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary officers:

President — Mrs. Joanne King

Vice-President — Mrs. Brenda Evans

Recording Secretary-Treasurer — Miss Hazel Hutsell

Assistant Recording Secretary — Mrs. Farron Jones

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. Gloria Carlson

Study Course Chairman — Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson

Stewardship-Prayer Chairman — Mrs. Cathy Lay

Personal Service Chairman — Mrs. Jo Pingleton

Field Worker — Mrs. Lucille Beatty

Missions Chairman — Mrs. Peggy Davis

Historian — Mrs. Jewell Campbell

/s/ Verna Malone, Joan Filkins, Lucille Beatty, Gloria Carlson, Mary Hill, Ionia Phillips, Deane Eaton.

## Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

### Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968

Balance brought forward July 1, 1967 ..... \$328.26

#### Amount Received:

Tithes .....	160.03
Representation dues .....	527.95
Student Loan Fund .....	147.62
Registration fee — Auxiliary Retreat .....	144.00
Offering received at Retreat (Mrs. G. Hill) .....	46.17
*Offering 1967 Convention (Rev. Joe Haas) .....	177.38
*Thomas Willey, Sr. ('66-67 Project) .....	30.00
Mo. State Home Missions — General Fund .....	227.46
*Co-Laborer Fund .....	448.52
*National Home Missions .....	323.14
*Foreign Missions .....	467.39
*Orphanage, Tenn. ....	127.39
*WNAC — General Fund .....	169.00
*Missionary Provision Closet .....	2.00
*Foreign Mission Literature .....	10.00
*FWBBC Dorm furnishings ('67-68 Project) .....	346.04
St. Joseph Mission ('67-68 Project) .....	419.50
*Lloyd Plunkett .....	65.00
*Estenio Garcios .....	15.00
*Dan Cronks .....	86.25
*Carlisle Hanna .....	54.09
*Bill Phipps .....	42.00

*Lonnie Palmer	74.00
*Fred Herseys	50.50
Don Jones	5.00
*Jim McLain	76.00
*Ella Ray Jones	8.15
*Patsy Tyson	3.10
*Audio-Visual Aid Fund	54.32
*Norman Richards	16.00
*Ed Payne	10.00
*Sherwood Lee	15.00
*Wesley Calvary	10.00
*Howard Gages	5.00
*Don Robirds	42.00
*Ernie Deeds	97.16
*Cousineau	30.12
*Emma Ruth Willey (personal)	15.00
*Dale Skiles	15.00
*Johnny Postalwait	39.05
*Bill Adkisson	35.75
Mo. State Youth Camp	80.00
*Bobby Pool	10.00
*Orphanage, Alabama	28.00
*Mack Owens	13.00
*Dr. L. Miley	5.00
*Larry Powells	25.00
*Lonnie Sparks	25.00
*Luther Sanders	10.00
*Paul Robinson	10.00
*Thomas Willey, Sr.	10.00
*Arthur Billows (Mission)	15.00
*V. Cruz Chapel — Mexico	15.00

Total Received \$4883.08

Disbursements:

Mrs. Georgia Hill, Speaker — Retreat	135.00
Mrs. Freda Sells — Food & Service (Retreat)	149.00
Worman Printing Co. (paper)	11.50
National FWB S. S. Dept. (plaque)	4.70
Shannon Jewelry — engrave plaque	6.60
Postage	9.25
Mrs. Joanne King — State Meeting expense	4.75
Rev. Joe Haas — Convention expense	80.00
Mrs. Peggy Davis — Honorarium	25.00
Mrs. Peggy Davis — telephone	5.11
Miss Hazel Hutsell — Honorarium	50.00
WNAC — annual report forms	1.87
Holiday Inn — meals, executive meeting	12.82
WNAC — Representation Dues	388.50

Rev. Wm. Reeves — Mo. Youth Camp . . . . .	80.00
N. E. Mo. District Aux. (refund on dues) . . . . .	5.25
Mo. State Home Mission Board — General Fund and designated accounts . . . . .	651.96
WNAC — Student Loan Fund . . . . .	147.62
WNAC — Gifts as designated “*” as received . . . . .	3153.00
Total disbursed . . . . .	\$4921.93
Balance brought forward June 30, 1968 . . . . .	\$ 289.41

Respectfully submitted,  
Hazel Hutsell,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## BY-LAWS

### Name

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

### Purpose

2. The Object of this Association shall be for the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another, the upholding of the Free Will Baptists Churches of Missouri, and a world-wide outreach for souls.

### Membership

3. The Association shall be composed of the members of the various local affiliated Associations.

4. 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 delegates present.

### Officers

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, who shall be elected annually at the close of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified.

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

7. The Moderator shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the Clerk or any other proper officer or agent of the Association thereunto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by

these By-Laws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general, shall perform all duties incident to the office of Moderator and such other duties as may be prescribed by the General Board from time to time.

8. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.

9. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; shall superintend the printing of the Minutes and shall receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.

10. The Clerk shall: (a) keep the Minutes of the Association and of the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for the purpose; (b) see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized; (d) have general charge of the books of the Association; (e) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Clerk and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board; and (f) in the absence of the Clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and, when so acting, shall have all the power of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Clerk. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Clerk or by the General Board.

11. No officer shall serve the same office more than three consecutive years.

### **Boards**

12. All standing boards shall be composed of five members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing Boards include the Home Missions Board, the Sunday School and Church Training Service Board, the Youth Camp Board, the Superannuation Board, and the General Board.

13. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields, and to receive, hold, manage, use or convey and funds and property entrusted to said Boards.

### **Election**

14. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board, shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, and third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years, and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of five years.

15. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association; the chairmen of all standing boards and one member from each affiliated Association to be elected by the State Body whose term

of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these shall expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the affiliated Association.

16. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being Chairman of the Board of which he is an elected member.

17. Any vacancy occurring in the General Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board members though less than a quorum of the General Board, unless otherwise provided by law.

18. All Board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.

### Duties

19. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the right to employ a Promotional Secretary who shall serve as Treasurer of the Association and be responsible for handling all monies of the Association. He shall be bonded for an amount in excess of the monies he shall be handling. In addition, the Promotional Secretary shall manage the Association's Book Store and in general promote the work of the Association and the Cause of Christ. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association.

20. The General Board shall have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in its own body and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association. It shall be the duty of this Board to make written reports of all its work to each session of the Association.

21. An Executive Committee consisting of seven members shall be elected by the General Board from among its membership, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Missouri State Association.

22. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board, but if less than such majority is present at a meeting, a majority of the Board members present may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

23. An act of the majority of the Board members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, shall be an act of the General Board.

24. A Board member of the Association who is present at a meeting of the General Board at which action on any Association matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken unless his dissent shall be entered in the Minutes of the meeting.

25. The General Board may authorize any officer or officers, Agent or Agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

26. Any person or agent elected or appointed by the General Board may be removed by the General Board whenever in its judgement the best interests of the Association would be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the persons so removed.

27. By resolution of the General Board the Board members may be paid their expenses, if any, of attendance of each meeting of the General Board. No such payment shall preclude any Board member from serving the Association in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefore.

28. The General Board shall provide an Association seal which shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation and the words, "Corporate Seal."

### **Committees**

29. The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees consisting of five members who shall appoint all committees.

30. All resolutions and reports shall bear the name of all the members of the committee who favor them; and if the names be not a majority of all members of such committee, than the clerk shall not read the resolutions or report.

### **Representation**

31. The standing delegates of this Association shall be all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers and their companions, all ordained deacons, and Associational Clerks, provided they are members in good standing in some Free Will Baptist church belonging to this State Association.

32. The number of elected delegates to the State Association shall be seven delegates from each affiliated local association or yearly meeting; one delegate from each church, plus one delegate for each fifty members or larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a local association or yearly meeting holding membership in this body.

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

### **Voting**

34. Those entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of this State Association, shall be the elected delegates and the standing delegates as defined in By-Law 31 and 32, and each elected delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

35. A majority vote shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the By-Laws 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.

### **Meetings**

36. The sessions of this Association shall convene on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. following the third Sunday in August each year.

37. The membership of the State Association may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri for any annual meeting. Any special meeting may be called by the General Board. A waiver of notice



signed by all members entitled to vote at a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place for the holding of such meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the principal office of the corporation in the State of Missouri.

38. In the event the necessity arises from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the By-Laws of the State Association,

39. Special meetings of the Association, for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, may be called by the General Board, and shall be called by the Moderator at the request of not less than fifty percent of all the delegate members duly elected by local Associations, Quarterly Meeting, and local churches affiliated with the Association.

40. Seven or more ordained ministers or deacons from two or more affiliated associations belonging to the State Association, shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

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

42. Special meetings of the General Board may be called by or at the request of the Moderator or any two Board members. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the General Board may fix the place for holding any special meeting of the General Board called by them.

43. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least fifteen days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or mailed to each Board member at his business address, or by telegram. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by telegram, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when the telegram is delivered to the telegraph company. Any Board member may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Board member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Board member attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

44. Unless otherwise provided by law, whenever any notice is required to be given to any member of Board member of the Association under the provisions of these By-Laws or under the provisions of the articles of incorporation, a waiver thereof in writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether before or after writing, signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice.

#### Discipline

45. The State 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.

### **Fiscal Policy**

46. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of August and end on the thirty-first day of July in each year.

47. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the General Board.

48. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Association and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution.

49. The General Board by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association, shall be authorized to create or to increase any bonded indebtedness of the Association.

50. The General Board of the Association shall be authorized by a majority vote of the voting delegates of the State Association, to sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of all, or substantially all, of the property and the assets of the Association.

51. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the General Board may select.

52. The salaries of employees shall be fixed from time to time by the General Board.

### **Standing Rules**

53. The meetings of the State Association and General Board shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, except in the case of those rules which are superseded by some rule of this organization.

54. The Clerk or Assistant Clerk, or 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 or Assistant Moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as chairman to open the floor for nominations and carry out the election of a Moderator Pro-Tem.

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

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

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

58. Any delegate of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator of the Association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection

shall be sustained or rejected.

59. No one shall leave the Association when in a business session without the consent of the Moderator.

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

61. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when there is any opposition or objection to open vote.

#### **Amendments**

62. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote after the proposed amendment had laid on the table one day.