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Rev. Kenneth H. Goff	431-2533..	306 Cedar Flat River	63601
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Rev. Fred Harris	442-3300..	Rt. 1 Purdy	65734
Rev. Roger Harwell	522-9996...	8914 Springdale Berkeley	63134
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Rev. Kent Tallent.....	488-6623....	Rt. 2 Kirksville	63501
Rev. Gene Terry.....	866-6546....	2029 N. Nettleton Springfield	65803
Rev. Lawrence Thompson.....	454-2559....	3416 N. Bellefontaine Kansas City	64117
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Rev. Don Umfleet.....	544-2245....	156 W. Arlee Lemay	
Rev. J. Mark Vandivort.....	449-7041....	1807 Grindstone Columbia	65201
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Rev. Delmar Welker.....	296-7463....	454 Constellation Arnold	63010
Rev. Ted Wilbanks.....	887-5774....	1100 W. Westview Springfield	65807
Rev. Lynn Wood	926-5572....	Box 464 Mtn. Grove	65711

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Shirley Bowden	Vonda Johnson	Lorene Schebaum
Betty Bowers	Glenda K. Jones	Waynelle Scott
Frances Bowman	Cleo Leonard	Tommie Ann Sharry
Jeannie Bowman	Carolyn Sue Lombard	Elaine Skiles
Patsy J. Braddy	Brenda S. Martin	Elaine Spurgeon
Frances Bundy	Helen McAllister	Eunice Stogsdill
Vivian Burton	Kate McCully	Emma Stovall
Vickie Burton	Louise McCully	Ruth Thompson
Jewell Campbell	Anna Mae McFarland	Hester Tucker
Laitie Campbell	Rose Murtz	Gloria Umfleet
Jo Dean	Imalea Miller	Maxine Wagner
Jacqueline Elder	Helda Nichols	Rita Welker
Brenda Evans	Oletha Parsons	Kaye Wilbanks
Jean Francis	Jo Pingleton	

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Charlie Hoover	Jack V. Phillips	Howard O. Wilt
Paul Ray Lemons	Calvin Plummer	Virgil Wisehart
Warren Livingston	Carl G. Pinkston	Russell Weisman

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Paula Cantrell
Virgil Cantrell
Audra Clark
Leonard Clark
Wanda Cluck
Betty Deibel
Braxine Evans

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Daisy Harper
Alice Hoover
Yvonne James
Leamon L. Killian
Edith Marbut
Roselee McCully
Eunice Miller
Gladys Montgomery

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Dorothy Mosier
Faye Pierce
Fletcher Riley
Steven Robertson
Charlette Whitcomb
Vernon L. Whitcomb
Blanche Wisehart
Dorcus Weisman

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Serena Adams
Debbie Ainley
Teresa Allen
Donna Bailey
Harold Bailey
Rhonda Bain
Rick Bain
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Jane Barton
Ron Baynes
Yvonne Baynes
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Steve Biscak
Cathy Boland
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Greg Bowers
Pam Bowers
Austin Boyd
Patrick Boyd
Stevan Boyd
Wanda Boyd
Garland Brown
Gary Brown
George Brown
Ruth Brown
David Buie
Narna Buie
Dorcas Bundy
Tabitha Bundy
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James L. Case
Kay Case
Steve Case
Janice Chilton
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Edith Clark
Teresa Cluck

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Karl Cleve
Naomi Coffey
Theodore Coffey
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Karmin Collins
Barb Combs
Frances Combs
Lawrence Combs
Claude Conway
Cindy Cook
Craig Cook
Joe Cook
Marvin Cook
Sue Cook
Marie Cooley
Diana Cordes
Cynthia Cornisk
Pauline Cornish
Jill Cornwell
Arlen Crouthers
Velna Crouthers
Janet Crouthers
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Kathy Crutchfield
Shirley Crutchfield
Ralph Cummins
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Sharron Hamilton
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Mark Hanna
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David Harris
Dennis Harris
Doris Harris
Christy Harris
Steve Harris
Lillian Hendersholt
Bret Henderson
Dallas Henderson
Geraldine Hersherson
Tracy Henderson
Elma Henson
Dan Hickey
Joe Hickey
Karen Hickey
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James Hodge
Kathy Hodge
Freeda Hodges
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Becky Francis
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Kevin Goff
Doug Graham
Roger Graham
Atta Grayson
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Ruth Greenhaw
Joan Gunnoe
Wayne Gunnoe
Kathy Halbert
Janet Hallmagel
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Ilene Hovis
Lillian Hovis
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 Marge McCurry
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 Dee Ann Naumann
 Dianne Naumann
 George Naumann
 Tamme Naumann
 Rusty Naumann
 Regina Nettles
 Loyd Olsen
 Karen Ortmann
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 Mary Ann Owens
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 Imogene Parker
 Kelly Parker
 Archie Parrish
 Darlene Parrish
 Lance Petrie
 Lucille Phillips
 Debbie Pinkston
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 Joe Pippin
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 Jerry Ramsey
 Beverly Reed
 Gene Reed
 Roger C. Reeds *
 Steve Reeves
 Beverly Rehkop
 Randy Rehkop
 Bill Rider
 Philip Rider
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 Hazel Roach
 Joe Robertson
 Glen Rogers
 Steve Rolwes
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 Rhonda Sasser
 Alvin Scott
 Elizabeth Scott
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 Moe Shaw
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 Crystal Skiles
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 Clarence Turnbough
 Elva Turnbough
 Janet Turner
 Russell Turner
 Edith Underwood
 Peggy Vancil
 Donna Vincent
 Ernest Wallace
 Jack D. Wallace
 Lida Wallace
 Lois Wallace
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 Linda Walls
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened with the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church and the Pattonville High School of Bridgeton, Missouri.

Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. June 8, 1976

The sixty-third session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m., June 8, 1976 at the Pattonville High School, Bridgeton, Missouri. Preconvention music was provided by the Rev. Al McFarland family. The service was opened by congregational singing led by Mr. Wayne Gunnoe. Rev. Clarence Burton, Promotional Secretary and GEM editor, led in prayer.

The session was convened by the clerk, Rev. Roger Harwell. The theme of the convention being: "Proclaiming True Liberty". Leviticus 25:10

Rev. James McAllister gave the Moderator's Message followed by a congregational song led by Mr. Wayne Gunnoe.

The host pastor, Rev. Russel Spurgeon, gave words of greeting and officially welcomed the State Convention to the St. Louis area. The response was given by Rev. Lawrence Thompson of Kansas City, Missouri. An offering for the expense of the State Convention was received. Special music was presented by the St. Louis Bicentennial Choir under the direction of Mr. Wayne Gunnoe. Rev. Tom Owens, state home mission pastor, delivered the keynote message, "Cherished Liberties".

At the conclusion of the message, the Moderator asked the clerk to read the appointment of the committees. The session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Danny Martin, pastor at Salem, Missouri.

Wednesday, 9:00 A.M. June 9, 1976

Convention was convened by singing "Love Lifted Me" led by the host pastor, Rev. Russel Spurgeon. Prayer by Rev. David Joslin, visiting Promotional Secretary from the state of Arkansas. Rev. Kent Tallent, pastor of the Hazel Creek FWB Church brought the morning devotion from Acts 17:1-9.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented. M/S/C to receive the report, the letters and seat the delegates. Moderator asked the new pastors of Missouri to stand and introduce themselves. Visitors were then recognized by the Moderator.

The report of the General Board was read. M/S/C to receive the report and consider it item by item. Discussion followed concerning the action of the General Board with regard to designating foreign missions co-operative funds to the Howard Filkins account. M/S/C that this body approve the action that was taken by the General Board in designating cooperative foreign missions money to the Howard Filkins deficit account in order that they might return to the mission field.

M/S/C that the Resolutions Committee submit proper guide lines for future action by the General Board regarding the de-

signation of cooperative funds.

Item I: M/S/C to adopt.

Item II: M/S/C to adopt.

Item III: Motion to amend Article 30 of the By-Laws. M/S/C to table until Thursday morning.

Item IV: M/S/C to adopt with the amendment of Part B: "Limiting the expenses of this committee to \$750.00 to be paid from the General Fund."

Items V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X: Read for information of the convention.

Item XI: M/S/C to adopt.

Item XII: M/S/C to adopt as amended..."That the Southeast Missouri goals be divided as follows: St. Louis Association, \$500.00; St. Francois Association, \$500.00, and Madison County, \$400.00."

Item XIII: M/S/C to adopt.

Business session was adjourned until the afternoon session. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Dennis Bowman, Kansas City, Mo.

Wednesday, 11:00 A.M. June 9, 1976

The session opened with congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Glenn Rehkop presided over the session. Mr. Wayne Gunnoe directed the singing. Special music was provided by Rev. Ted Wilbanks, pastor of Grant Avenue FWB Church, Springfield, Mo.

Rev. Dale Smith, pastor of Monett FWB Church, delivered the morning message from John 3:16 on the theme, "Cost of Liberty".

Announcements were made and dismissal prayer was led by Rev. Leland Horton, Des Moines, Iowa.

Wednesday, 1:30 P.M. June 9, 1976

Session opened with congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Steve Burton, Liberal, Missouri brought the afternoon devotion from Acts 12.

Words of greeting were given by Rev. Lonnie DeVoult, Promotional Secretary of Oklahoma Free Will Baptists.

The report of the State Home Missions Board was given by Rev. Lawrence Thompson. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget. The report from National Home Missions was given by the director, Rev. Bob Shockey. He reported that in 1975, five (5) churches became self-supporting, eight (8) new missionaries went to the field and 885 conversions were reported by home mission churches. Greetings were also brought by two national home missions pastors; Rev. Vergel Maness, Wilmington, Delaware and Rev. Leland Horton, Des Moines, Iowa.

The report of the Promotional Secretary, Rev. Clarence Burton, was given. The cooperative monies received of \$82,426.66 was well above the proposed budget of \$70,000.00. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget.

The report of the National Executive Office was given by Rev. Eugene Workman, Nashville, Tennessee.

The report of the Sunday School & CTS Board was given by Rev. Kent Tallent. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget.

Report of the National Sunday School Department was given by Rev. Roger Reeds. Mr. Guy Tucker, field representative for the CTS Department also brought words of greeting.

The report from the Foreign Missions Department was given by the general director, Rev. Rolla Smith. He spoke concerning the Howard Filkins account and explained the promotional expenses charged to the missionaries.

Report of the Lebanon Bible and Book Store was given by Mr. Edwin Bowden, manager. Sales for the past nine months were up 22%. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget.

A congregation song was directed at the request of the moderator. Convention stood with a very brief intermission before the next reports were given.

Rev. Billy Melvin gave an oral report concerning the work of the N.A.E. and expressed his gratitude to Missouri for their continuing support. Rev. Millard Sasser also reported on the N.A.E. convention which he attended along with other Missouri delegates.

The Youth Camp Board report was given by Rev. Lynn Wood. Dates for the camp this year are as follows: Senior High Camp, July 25-30; Junior High Camp, August 1-6; Elementary Camp, August 8-13. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget.

Mr. Loyd C. Olsan gave a report from the National Layman's Board and requested that a layman be appointed as liaison between the National Layman's Board and the Missouri Free Will Baptists.

Moderator requested a motion to approve the showing of a film on the country of Bangladesh. The film is sponsored by the N.A.E. and is to be shown following Wednesday night service by Dr. Billy Melvin.

Adjourned in prayer.

Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. June 9, 1976

Preconvention music was provided by the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church choir. Mr. Wayne Gunnoe led the congregation in singing. Opening prayer by Rev. Bob Shockey. Rev. Cliff Bowman presided over the evening service.

Rev. Dale Skiles, on behalf of the State Home Missions Board, introduced the home and foreign missionaries, and presented a plaque to the Missouri Woman's Auxiliary Convention for the largest gift donated to the Perpetual Loan Fund. Mrs. Helen McAllister, vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, accepted the plaque. Rev. Wayne Wagner accepted a plaque on behalf of the South Fremont FWB Church for the highest per capita giving for 1975-1976. Another plaque was presented to the Olivet FWB Church for the largest gift to State Home Missions, and was received by pastor, Rev. Cliff Bowman.

Special music was provided by the Ron Scott Trio of the Berkeley FWB Church. An offering was received for the Union Mission Land Fund. The St. Louis Bicentennial Choir under the direction of Mr. Wayne Gunnoe presented two choral arrangements.

Rev. Bill Jones, President of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, Moore, Oklahoma, delivered a very inspiring message on the theme, "The Challenge of Liberty" from Deuteronomy 15:12.

Following the benediction, a film on Bangladesh was shown by Dr. Billy Melvin, N.A.E.

Thursday 9:00 A.M., June 10, 1976

Session was opened by congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Russell Johnson, Myrtle, Missouri brought the morning devotion from Hebrews 12:1-2.

Rev. Bill Evans gave the report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. He encouraged pastors and churches, alike, to join others in this important program.

Report of the Christian Education Board was given by Rev. Millard Sasser. During this report, a Christian Worker's Certificate was presented to Rev. Dale Skiles by Rev. Bill Jones, President of Hillsdale College. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt the budget.

Report of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College was given by President Jones. The state of Missouri had seventeen (17) students enrolled this past year and Missouri churches gave \$21,152.64 in gifts to the school.

Remaining items from the General Board report were as follows:

- Item XIV: M/S/C to adopt.
- Item XV: The Placement Committee Report - We recommend that the 1977 State Convention meet in Lebanon, Missouri. M/S/C
- Item XVI: M/S/C to adopt.

M/S/C to remove from the table Item II of the General Board report. M/S/C to amend Article 30 of the By-Laws adding "with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year; the second, a term of two years and the third, a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with exception of the General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books and serve as Budget Committee.

The Obituary Committee reported the death of fifty-four (54) members from seven (7) associations during the past year. The report was adopted and the congregation stood. After a moment of silent prayer, Rev. James Barker led the congregation in the memorial prayer.

The Resolutions Committee report was read. M/S/C to receive the report and adopt, item by item.

- Item #1: M/S/C to adopt.
- Item #2: M/S/C to adopt.
- Item #3: M/S/C to adopt.

Item #4: M/S/C to adopt.
Item #5: M/S/C to adopt.
Item #6: M/S/C to adopt with the following amendment.....
"that the names of the deceased be printed in the GEM magazine."

The Registration Committee report was read with the following totals: visitors, 334; ministers, 96, and, delegates, 98. Total registration, 528.

The Nominating Committee was read. M/S/C to receive the report and elect, item by item.

Rev. Bill Evans presented a plaque and honorarium to Rev. Andy Lay, former GEM editor, for service rendered to Missouri Free Will Baptists while he served in this position.

M/S/C to adjourn until the convention in 1977 which will convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, Missouri.

Thursday, 11:00 A.M. June 10, 1976

The service was opened by congregational singing and prayer was led by Rev. Vergel Maness. Special music was presented by Debbie Williams.

Rev. Murray Southwell presided over the service, and introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Ken Goff, Flat River, Missouri. Rev. Goff delivered the message from John 14:1-6, "Coming Liberties."

Announcements were made and the service was dismissed in prayer.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, The Committee on Committees, submit the following nominations:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Lawrence Thompson, Chairman
Max Courtney
Don Lombard
Howard Bowers
Charles Miller

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Harry Beatty, Chairman
Grover Pingleton
James Stovall
Homer Mosier
Virgil Cantrell

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mark Vandivort, Chairman
Lynn Wood
Robert Francis
Danny Martin
Jim Murtz

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Dale Skiles, Chairman
Charlie Hoover
Ronnie Graham
Danny Martin
Wayne Wagner

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, your Credential Committee, recommend that we receive all of our Associations and seat their delegates.

We recommend that the four reportong Associations : Cave Springs, Laolede County, Liberty , And Southeast, with listed delegates be seated. Also with the appointed delegates of the Indian Creek, Mission, and Greater Kansas City Association.

We Suggest that State Moderator allow the Associations not listing their delegates to appoint them from the floor.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Beatty, Chairman
James Bundy
Don Lombard

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met twice during the past year: August 22, 1975 at Flat River, Missouri and November 20, 1975 in Lebanon, Missouri.

The Executive Committee met in the afternoon of November 20, 1975 in Lebanon, Missouri. A quorum was present at each meeting and the following business was transacted by the Board and the Executive Committee.

1. Elected the following men to the Executive Committee:
Rev. Glenn Rehkop, Rev. Cliff Bowman, Rev. Dale Smith, and Rev. Millard Sasser.
2. Authorized the Promotional Secretary to compile a Digest of Reports for the 1976 State Association.
3. Planned the 1976 program for the State Association.
4. Designated the Wednesday night mission offering to the "Union Mission Land Fund Project. "
5. Invited Brother Tryman Messer of Kansas to conduct a "Soul Winning Clinic" on Tuesday afternoon of the State Association.
6. On December 3, 1975, a letter was sent to the General Board recommending that allocated co-operative money to the Foreign Missions Department general fund be designated to the Howard Filkins account until the deficit in the Filkins account was satisfied by the Foreign Missions Board. (See attached letter)
NOTE: The above action only affected the Co-operative account for the months of January and February, 1976.
7. Reviewed the Bookstore Manager's Contract.
8. Heard the Report of all Boards, their financial reports, and proposed budgets. The General Board forwards them to the State Convention with the recommendation they be approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Request that the action of the General Board with regard to the designation of Foreign Mission money to the Howard Filkins account, be brought to the floor of the State Convention and that a vote of approval or disapproval be taken.
2. General Auditing Committee Recommendations:
 - A. That each department include a Balance Sheet with their report as outlined on page 42 of the 1975 State Minutes.
 - B. That all unused checks, voided checks, and broken sequence checks must be accounted for.
 - C. That all books should close on March 31.
3. Addition to Article 30 of the By-Laws.....
...with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year, the second, a term of two years and the third, a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with exception of General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books and serve as Budget Committee.

4. A. Motion that we come to a decision in this State Association, whether or not, we want to enter into the Nursing Home ministry.
- B. Upon the approval of Item A, the General Board recommends that Rev. Bob Francis be the chairman of this five (5) member committee and that the Nominating Committee nominate the other four (4) members. This committee is charged with the responsibility of reporting to the 1977 State Convention total information concerning a Home for Senior Citizens in order that the State Convention may make a decision on the Home for Senior Citizens. The expenses of this committee, with a \$750.00 limit are to be paid out of the General Fund.
5. Whereas, there is a need for an additional conference room at the office in Lebanon, it is recommended that the Promotional Secretary, Book Store Manager and the Moderator serve as a committee to investigate the possibilities for additional room and report to the fall General Board Meeting.
6. Seeing the need for additional storage room at the Book Store in Lebanon, it is recommended that the Book Store Manager research the possibility of building storage shelves and, in general, improve the handling of merchandise in the storage room, reporting to the fall General Board meeting concerning progress.
7. Whereas, there is a general understanding that the Book Store inventory is hard to control, it is recommended that a flexible ceiling of \$35,000.00 inventory, excluding Sunday School and Vacation Bible School material, be maintained.
8. In order that all may understand the financial policy of the Book Store, the Manager is to issue a policy statement concerning cash sales, charge sales and standing orders; and, include a copy with all orders shipped until the policy is fully understood.
9. Due to the rise of Accounts receivable, the Book Store manager is to bring an up-to-date record of Past Due Accounts and his recommendation concerning them to the next Executive Committee meeting.
10. We recommend that the Promotional Secretary be given a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) per week raise and mileage expense be increased to 15¢ per mile.
11. WHEREAS, the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, owned and operated by Missouri Free Will Baptist, serves the general public as well as the Free Will Baptist Church and its constituency, and the total Christian community of the Lebanon area, and, WHEREAS, that in serving the general public, it becomes necessary to sell books, pamphlets, ect., which may neither convey nor reflect the exact doctrinal position of the Free Will Baptist Church, nor the personal doctrinal position of individuals within the Free Will Baptist Church,

Be it resolved that:

- A. The doctrinal and theological position of the management of the Lebanon Bible and Book Store shall be in accordance with the doctrinal and theological position of Free Will Baptist as defined in the "Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptist".

- B. The Selling of other books and pamphlets that hold other doctrinal positions and beliefs, including the charismatic issues (tongues), or other related Christian materials, shall not be construed or interpreted that the Lebanon Bible and Book Store is aligned with, or in agreement with such positions or beliefs.
- C. Under no circumstances will the Lebanon Bible and Book Store sell books or religious materials endorsing the doctrinal positions of the CULTS, that is Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Armstrong's Church of God, and Seventh Day Adventism; or the doctrinal position of the Roman Catholic Church and other cults.
12. Report of the Committee to plan for financing of the National Association of Free Will Baptist in Kansas City, 1978.
- A. We propose that the needed funds (\$5,000.00) be raised on an Associational level with the following goals for each Association:

	1978	1968
Cave Springs	\$ 425.00	\$ 200.00
Central Western	425.00	200.00
Indian Creek	600.00	300.00
Greater Kansas City	600.00	200.00
Laclede County	100.00	60.00
Liberty	400.00	200.00
Mission	800.00	400.00
Niangua	125.00	75.00
Northeast	150.00	100.00
Northwest	50.00	25.00
St. Louis	500.00	
St. Francois	500.00	750.00
Madison Co.	400.00	
	<u>5,075.00</u>	<u>2,510.00</u>

- B. To avoid the possibility of delaying action until the last year, we also offer the following suggestions:

1. That the Promotional Secretary act as the collection agent.
2. That as funds are collected they be placed in a separate savings account for this purpose.
3. That each Association, at its next regular meeting, accept the project and begin the drive to reach its goal.

13. PROPOSED BUDGET

APRIL 1, 1976 - MARCH 31, 1977

PROPOSED BUDGET		\$ 120,000.00
State Departments	52%	62,400.00
State Home Missions	20%	24,400.00
Promotional Department	16.25%	19,500.00
General Fund	4%	4,800.00
Youth Camp Board	5.50%	6,600.00
Gem	2.50%	3,000.00
Sunday School & CTS	1.75%	2,100.00
Christian Education Board	2%	2,400.00
		<u>\$ 62,400.00</u>

Foreign Missions	13%	\$ 15,600.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	9%	10,800.00
Executive Department	7%	8,400.00
Hillsdale College	7%	8,400.00
National Home Missions	6.50%	7,800.00
C.T.S.	2.50%	3,000.00
Retirement & Insurance Board	2.50%	3,000.00
Theological Lib. Board	.25%	300.00
Layman's Board	.25%	300.00
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		\$ 57,600.00

14. In view of theological differences among various denominations and in view of the surge of cults and whereas Free Will Baptist have no seminary for further theological training of our pastors, the Board of Christian Education recommends that this Missouri State Association of Free will Baptist urge the National Association to enter into definite plans for the beginning of a Free Will Baptist Seminary.

If the National Association has no immediate plans for initiating such action, the Missouri State Association informs the National body that the Missouri State Association is prepared to initiate positive action for the beginning of a Free Will Baptist Seminary in connection with Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. Copies of this recommendation will be sent to the proper persons on the National level, along with the ways and means it can be accomplished.

15. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that the 1977 State Convention meet in Lebanon, Missouri with the night services in the Nelson Community Center.

16. Recommend that the Promotional Secretary serve as liaison for the General Board to search out possible locations for future State Conventions and report to the General Board.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD:

The Savings Account and Perpetual Loan Fund Account were in good order giving an accurate picture of their condition. The General Fund Account was basically correct but contained a \$10.00 error in entry.

This committee did not find a list of outstanding loans nor property to which the Board holds title. The balance in the Perpetual Loan Fund Account was not listed with the report nor were the liabilities listed on the fund balance sheet.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of the Missouri State Home Mission Board as of April 5, 1976 .

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND C.T.S.

We have examined the official records of the Missouri Christian Education Board and recommend that they include a balance sheet in the Digest with their report this year.

In our opinion, the official records present fairly the financial position of the Missouri Christian Education Board as of March 31, 1976.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM

We have examined the official record and income statement of the GEM. In our opinion, the income statement and balance sheet present fairly the financial position of the GEM as of March 31, 1976.

THE STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

We have examined the books of the State Promotional Office and State Treasurer and find them in order. In our opinion, the accompanying records present fairly the financial position of the State Treasurer as of March 31, 1976.

We recommend that the GEM records be included into the Promotional Department records.

LEBANON BOOK STORE

We examined the records and verified the cash sales, charges, paid-on-accounts, credit returns and bank deposits for three days which were picked at random (Oct. 13, Dec. 23 and March 20) and found all entries to be in order. The bookkeeping procedures are well designed and functioning properly. This report shows a net increase in working capital of \$2,785.65.

In our opinion, the profit and loss statement, the income statement and balance sheet present fairly the financial position of the book store as of March 31, 1976.

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

We have examined the official records of the Youth Camp Board. We did not have July, 1975 and August, 1975 cancelled checks or bank statements to verify income and disbursements for those two months. We did not have checks in changing Treasurers to verify check number 650 and up as unused on Citizens Bank of Belton, Missouri. We did not have checks in changing Treasurers to verify check number 33 and up as unused on the Bank of Thayer. The records show a receipt number for receipts but we did not have the receipt book to verify this.

The records show \$6,289.50 more than the report. This amount was transferred in changing Treasurers and shown through the books again. There are 2 returned checks for the year in the amount of \$88.00 that are still outstanding.

The journals and ledger do not balance because there were some items that were not posted. We recommend that posting references be used.

We recommend that the board have a purchase order system. We further recommend that all invoices be signed that the merchandise was received and the Treasurer pay by invoice, stapling all invoices paid by a check with the date, amount of check, and check number written on it.

The Auditing Committee wishes to not that the note with the Citizens State Bank is on file and marked paid by the bank.

The Auditing Committee notes that there were 3 Treasurers for the board last year.

After examining the records with the above notes, it is our opinion that the statement of income and balance sheet presents fairly the recorded financial position of the Youth Camp Board.

THE MISSOURI COLLEGE COMMISSION :

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement and balance sheet present fairly the financial position of the Commission as of March 31, 1976.

GENERAL AUDITING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS :

1. That each department include a balance sheet with their report as outlined on page 42 of the 1975 State Minutes.
2. That all unused checks, voided checks and broken sequence checks must be accounted for.
3. That all books should close on March 31.

The Auditing Committee:

N.R. Smith, Chairman
Max Courtney
Ted Wilbanks

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

Greetings in the name of our Lord:

I feel as did the Psalmist, when he stated, "The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." The Lord has blessed through many fine pastors and churches, and because of this, we have exceeded our goal. As a result of this, thousands of people have been blessed throughout our state and national work. Churches that share in cooperative giving are involved in a total ministry for the Lord. They are giving equitable support to Free Will Baptists worldwide ministries. This is a way by which every department is properly cared for and not one is left as an orphan---waiting for someone to care.

May I express my appreciation for the faithful prayers; wonderful hospitality and many words of encouragement. I also appreciate the cooperation of Brother Beatty and Brother Andy Lay. They have helped make the transition of promotional secretary and GEM editor with a minimum of problems. I ask that you continue to remember this ministry in prayer.

May I commend the pastors and churches that have given full support to cooperative and designated giving. I pray this shall continue. May I also commend the ones giving partial support with the prayer that the giving will increase as the year continues. Then, to the churches that have adopted this ministry of giving...may the Lord bless you and may your local ministry be blessed as you share with others.

As we look forward to this coming year, let us anticipate it with the promise, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

In Him,
Clarence Burton

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS.....July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

20.00% Missouri State Missions	\$16,485.32
16.25% Missouri Promotional Dept.	13,302.22
4.00% Missouri General Fund	3,297.07
5.50% Missouri Youth Camp	4,533.48
2.00% Missouri Board of Christian Education	1,795.88
2.50% Missouri Free Will Baptist GEM	2,060.67
1.75% Missouri Sunday School & CTS	<u>1,387.20</u>

Total---52% to 7 Missouri Departments-----\$42,861.84

13.00% Foreign Missions	\$10,715.47
9.00% FWB Bible College	7,418.43
7.00% Executive Department	5,769.88
6.50% National Home Missions	5,357.73
2.50% National CTS Board	2,060.65
2.50% Board of Retirement & Insurance	2,060.65
.25% Theological Commission	206.06
.25% Laymens Board	<u>206.06</u>

Total---41% to 8 National Departments-----\$33,794.93

7.00% Hillsdale FWB College-----5,769.89

Total Disbursed-----\$82,426.66

COOPERATIVE GIVING BY INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES
July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

Alton	\$ 391.73	Marshfield	\$ 764.76
Aulsbury Chapel	738.43	Martinstown	40.00
Aurora	30.55	Merl's Chapel	430.00
Bailey Chapel	108.70	Mill Creek	484.55
Beacon	900.00	Mine LaMotte	162.29
Belton	826.00	Monett	2,488.41
Berean	869.00	Mt. Grove, 1st.	4,639.19
Berkeley	3,973.41	Mt. Valley	574.68
Bethel	1,757.75	Myrtle	680.94
Black Oak	90.00	Mt. Pisgah	151.00
Buffalo	425.00	New Harmony	54.92
Byrd	160.75	New Home	29.55
Cabool	803.76	New Life	195.75
Calvary-Conway	823.00	New Rock Springs	452.00
Cape Girardeau	1,222.40	Niangua	394.64
Carterville	163.57	Number One	294.45
Central	900.00	Olivet	1,170.00
Columbia	1,100.12	Oskaloosa	536.99
Colper Mines	815.00	Old Bethel	90.00
Cuba	443.36	Oak Hill, Union	328.73
De Soto	3,760.00	O'Fallon	118.50
Divine Trinity	56.42	Parkview	150.00
Evangel	614.16	Pleasant Hill	45.00
Faith	1,561.83	Pleasant Home	223.63
Farmington	4,312.20	Pleasant Grove	237.36
Fellowship	450.00	Pleasant Ridge	230.15
Fordland	225.00	Purdy	619.83
Fourth	2,787.45	Richwoods	352.72
Fredericktown	2,572.56	Rock Chapel	264.71
Freedom	290.00	Salem	180.00
Freeman Chapel	696.76	Sedalia	205.08
Flat River, 1st.	2,668.89	South Side	2,213.18
Gateway	281.87	Shell Knob	17.48
Gospel Light	121.88	Thayer	1,494.93
Grace	4,070.05	Trinity	1,105.00
Grandby	40.00	Twin Oaks	725.00
Grant Ave.	2,152.67	Union	180.00
Hannon	1,440.00	Union Grove	520.00
Happy Home	247.74	Union Light	77.52
Hartsville	330.55	Verdella	779.90
Hopewell	97.40	Victory	475.27
Houston	1,176.97	Walnut Grove	289.93
Hurryville	887.74	Waynesville	830.11
Hickory Grove	85.97	West Plains	2,288.60
Kansas City, 1st.	928.62	Willow Springs	1,198.48
Kirksville, 1st.	90.00	Rev. & Mrs. Beatty	100.00
Leadington	1,470.82	A Friend	53.00
Lebanon, 1st.	3,204.00		
Liberty	130.00		
Low Ground	45.00		
Macedonia	148.30	Total Cooperative...	\$82,426.66

DESIGNATED MONIES
RECEIVED AND DISBURSED
July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Tenn.	\$ 182.02
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp	170.00
Hillsdale College	2,394.97
FWB Bible College, Nashville	300.00
Mo. Sunday School & CTS-Reimbursed from MBI	55.25
General Fund (Minute monies, offerings & etc.)	775.75
Promotional Dept.-(Reimbursements, Honorariums)	280.29

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

General Fund	372.75
Union-St. Clair	308.00
Poplar Bluff	93.00
Stockton	8.16
Total	\$ 781.91

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS & CHURCH EXTENSION

General Fund	425.00
Larry Powell	290.00
Vergel Maness	995.24
Leland Horton	90.00
Larry Russell	59.70
Fred McCoy	8.00
Jesse Dunn	15.00
Mexico	11.00
Total	\$ 1,893.94

FOREIGN MISSIONS

General Fund	2,117.50
Howard Filkins	1,835.37
Lynn Miley	400.30
Jerry Pinkerton	271.00
Bill Fulcher	190.00
Bobby Poole	180.00
Mabel Willey	180.00
Lonnie Sparks	45.00
Tom Willey	350.00
Sam Wilkinson	31.75
Joe Haas	50.00
Dr. Laverne Miley	123.82
Jim McLain	123.82
Jerry Gibbs	30.00
Lonnie Palmer	260.00
Fred Hersey	60.00
Steve Lytle	53.83
Herbert Waid	41.75
Bobby Aycock	34.00
Dale Bishop	58.20
Mike Cousineau	15.00
Total	\$ 6,451.44

Total Designated Received and Disbursed	\$13,285.57
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GENERAL FUND
July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Balance Forwarded	\$ 1,640.04
Cooperative Receipts	3,297.07
Designated (Minutes, Offering State Asso.)	650.75
Clarence Burton (Reimburse for NAE Expense)	75.00
Edwin Bowden (Reimburse for NAE Expense)	<u>50.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 5,712.86

DISBURSEMENTS

Auditing Committee	\$ 181.00
State Programs	85.00
General Board Travel	482.10
Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Beatty	200.40
Delegates Fee to National Asso.	150.00
Honorarium-Rev. Coffey & Rev. Harrison	150.00
Clerk Salary	500.00
Minutes	456.70
Promotional Secretary's Expense to NAE Convention	150.00
Camera and Film	72.61
Printing and Checks Printed	28.91
Senior Citizen Seminar-Rev. Bob Francis	57.33
N.A.E. Representatives (5 X \$50.00)	250.00
Annual Contribution to NAE	425.00
Telephone and Postage	98.34
Miscellaneous-(Petty cash-Registration Fee)	<u>41.50</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,328.89
Balance	\$ 2,383.97

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

RECEIPTS

Balance forwarded June 30, 1975	\$ 5,398.83
Cooperative Receipts	13,302.22
Reimbursement-Telephone	88.21
Gifts to Promotional Dept. from churches	100.00
Christian Board of Education (Budget Adjustment)	<u>92.08</u>
Total Receipts	\$18,981.34

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary	5,760.00
Travel Expense	1,050.36
Moving Expense	172.00
Rent	450.00
Postage and Telephone	367.32
Housing and Utilities	2,250.00
Retirement and Insurance	608.00
State & National Asso. Expense	85.00
Christmas Gift	200.00
Social Security	498.00
Fee-Annual Leadership Conference	40.00
Office Equipment	25.00
Miscellaneous	<u>34.95</u>
Total Disbursed	\$11,540.63
Balance on hand, March 31, 1976	\$ 7,440.71

RE-CAP OF ALL MONIES

Promotional Dept., including Balance Forwarded	RECEIVED \$18,981.34	DISBURSED \$11,540.63	BALANCE \$ 7,440.71
General Fund, including Balance Forwarded	\$ 5,712.86	\$ 3,328.89	\$ 2,383.97
Designated	\$13,285.57	\$13,285.57	0000000000
Totals	\$37,979.77	\$28,155.09	\$ 9,824.68

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash in all Accounts	\$ 9,824.68
Office Equipment	325.00
Liabilities	(0)
Total Assets	\$10,149.68

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

PROPOSED RECEIPTS

Balance brought forward		\$ 2,383.97
4% Cooperative Receipts	\$ 4,800.00	
Money for Minutes	350.00	
Designated-Offerings (State Asso)	175.00	
Total Receipts		\$ 5,325.00
Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded		\$ 7,708.97

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS

Auditing Committee	\$ 185.00
State Programs	95.00
Badges	90.00
General Board Travel	490.00
Delegates Fee to National Asso.	250.00
Honorarium	170.00
Clerk's Salary	500.00
Promotional Secretary's NAE Expense	150.00
Minutes	475.00
N.A.E. Representative	250.00
Telephone and Postage	200.00
Printing	40.00
Annual Contribution to NAE	425.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 3,420.00
Balance	\$ 4,288.97

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT

PROPOSED RECEIPTS

Balance brought Forward		\$ 7,440.71
16.25% Cooperative Receipts	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded		\$26,940.71

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
(CONTINUED)

PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS

Salary	\$ 9,620.00
Expense to State & Nat'l Asso.	350.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Postage and Telephone	400.00
Travel Allowance--15,000 miles	2,250.00
Housing and Utilities	3,000.00
Social Security	665.00
Christmas Gift	200.00
Office Equipment	200.00
Retirement and Insurance	520.00
Hospital Insurance	390.00
Miscellaneous	50.00

Total Disbursements	\$17,745.00
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Balance	\$ 9,195.71
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REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
July 1, 1975 - March 31, 1976

SUBSCRIPTIONS

105 churches subscribe to the GEM on the Church Family Plan.
Total of 2,124 subscribers.
5 churches started the Family Plan this past year; 4 dropped.
108 individual subscriptions are mailed, for a total of 2,232
paid subscriptions
68 complimentary copies are mailed.
2,300 total copies mailed, exclusive of those used for promo-
tional purposes.

BALANCE SHEET

Balance in account 7/1/75	\$ 523.03
Income for year	
Cooperative	\$1,956.48
Subscriptions	3,626.00
Total Income	\$5,582.48
Total to be accounted for	\$6,105.51
Expenses for the year	
Printing	\$4,180.50
Editor	500.00
Miscellaneous	217.78
Total Expenses	\$4,898.28
Balance in account 3/31/76	\$1,207.23
Total accounted for	\$6,105.51

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$1,207.23
File Cabinet	40.00
Total Assets	\$1,247.23
Liabilities	-0-
Fund Balance	\$1,247.23

PROPOSED BUDGET - GEM MAGAZINE
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Balance brought forward		\$1,207.23
Proposed Receipts	\$7,500.00	7,500.00
(Subs. \$4,500; Coop. 2.50%-\$3,000)		\$8,707.23
Proposed Expenditures		
Printing and Miscellaneous		\$6,300.00
Proposed Balance		\$2,407.23

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOK STORE

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD FROM YOUR LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOK STORE:

We share with you in our rejoicing in the way that the Lord has richly blessed the ministry of your Missouri Free Will Baptist Book Store. Sales for the past nine months were the same as the entire twelve month period of 1973-1974. Total sales were up 22% over the corresponding nine month period a year ago. This was made possible by increases in walk-in sales by as much as 79% in some of the months over the previous year. We appreciate the increasing number of Free Will Baptists who stop at Lebanon to visit the Book Store and the Promotional Office. We invite you to visit us also. Mail orders from churches and individuals have also increased in the past year as we have made wider distribution of catalogs and brochures on materials from your store.

Thank you for your faith and prayers in support of this ministry. Your support has given the opportunity for the Lord's blessings. Regardless of our size or success, we want you to know that we are here as a ministry to you as Missouri Free Will Baptists and to your churches and to those in the Lebanon area. If you have a particular problem, please let us know. If we make a mistake in filling your order, we still want to know--just call us collect.

As a part of our ministry this past year, we have worked with the Sunday School and CTS Board in seminars, displayed materials at the state meeting, ministers' retreat, and Ladies Auxilliary retreat. We supplied the textbooks for the Missouri Bible Institutes. Our Vacation Bible School workshop was quite successful. We are planning a display for the State Youth Camp. A Christian Education Improvement Seminar is planned for October.

In March we met with representatives from nine other state Free Will Baptist Bookstores, the Sunday School Department, CTS Department, Moody Press, and Scripture Press in a seminar. Common problems were discussed with many workable ideas being contributed. This proved to be a most useful time. A similar seminar is planned for next year. In this coming year, careful consideration will be given to ways of making our operation more efficient so that we will be able to serve you more effectively.

In His Service,
Edwin Bowden, Manager

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1975-1976

BEGINNING BALANCE, July 1, 1975		2,060.99
Receipts	94,782.73	
Redeposit of Returned Checks	102.41	
From State Office	450.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		95,335.14

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		97,396.13
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	37,535.01	
Sunday School Literature	26,573.90	
Freight	673.03	
Postage	1,270.00	
United Parcel Service	1,148.82	
Supplies	941.52	
Office Supplies	357.59	
Utilities	883.94	
Telephone	565.53	
Advertising	2,270.08	
Building Payment	1,800.00	
Building Maintenance & Repair	122.98	
Remodeling (Promotional Office)	628.82	
Equipment (Cash Register & Etc)	1,018.72	
Equipment Rental (Postage Meter)	108.68	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	197.00	
Wages	10,317.04	
Bonus	906.04	
Payroll Taxes	2,443.20	
Employee Insurance	312.36	
Mileage	279.36	
Sales Tax	999.70	
City, County Taxes	224.10	
Returned Checks	102.41	
Refunds	217.82	
Insurance (Building)	1,251.00	
Loan Repayment	1,500.00	
Interest	99.45	
Christian Booksellers Asso. Dues	70.00	
Conventions Expense (CBA & Etc)	688.14	
Inventory Expenses	81.00	
TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT	450.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		96,037.24

BALANCE ON HAND, March 31, 1976		1,358.89
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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

SALES		
Cash Sales	30,738.44	
Charge Sales	17,428.19	
Sunday School Lit. Sales	38,662.92	
VBS Sales	1,584.54	
Postage Sales	2,703.60	
COST OF SALES		91,117.69
Beginning Inventory	36,364.00	
Purchases	64,733.43	
Total Cost of Merchandise	101,097.43	
Less Ending Inventory	41,533.89	
Net Cost of Sales	59,563.54	

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
Lebanon Bible and Book Store
(Continued)

Net Cost of Sales	59,563.54	
Freight	673.03	
Supplies	<u>941.52</u>	61,178.09
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES		<u>29,939.60</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Postage & UPS	2,418.82	
Utilities & Telephone	1,449.47	
Advertising	2,270.08	
Maintenance & Repair	1,057.48	
Wages & Bonus	11,223.08	
Payroll Taxes	2,443.20	
Insurance	1,251.00	
Interest	968.83	
Bad Debt Expense	136.78	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,702.22</u>	24,920.96
NET PROFIT		<u>5,018.64</u>

CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL

	ASSETS		INCREASE (DECREASE)
	BEGINNING	ENDING	
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Balance	2,060.99	1,358.89	(702.10)
Cash on Hand	50.00	50.00	-0-
Accounts Receivable	5,854.59	3,872.62	(1,981.97)
Inventory (Net)	36,364.00	41,533.89	5,169.89
Savings Acct. (Restricted)	-0-	457.54	457.54
	<u>44,329.58</u>	<u>47,272.94</u>	<u>2,943.36</u>
FIXED ASSETS (@ Cost)			
Building	18,500.00	18,500.00	-0-
Equipment	5,749.16	6,767.88	1,018.72
	<u>24,249.16</u>	<u>25,267.88</u>	<u>1,018.72</u>
Total Assets	68,578.74	72,540.82	3,962.08

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	13,200.42	13,824.94	624.52
Bank Note (Remodeling)	1,500.00	-0-	(1,500.00)
Payroll Taxes	-0-	323.36	323.36
Sales Tax	297.40	266.04	(31.36)
	<u>14,997.82</u>	<u>14,414.34</u>	<u>(583.48)</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
Mortgage	14,898.98	13,968.36	(930.62)
Total Liabilities	29,896.80	28,382.70	(1,514.10)
OPERATING FUNDS BALANCE	38,681.94	43,700.58	5,018.64
RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE	-0-	457.54	457.54

PROPOSED BUDGET
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

INCOME		
Bookstore Sales	88,000.00	
Sunday School Lit. Sales	55,000.00	
VBS Literature Sales	13,000.00	
Postage Sales	4,000.00	160,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	63,000.00	
Sunday School Lit.	42,000.00	
Freight	1,800.00	
Postage	2,200.00	
United Parcel Service	2,400.00	
Supplies	2,000.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	
Utilities	1,500.00	
Telephone	1,000.00	
Advertising	3,200.00	
Building Payment	2,400.00	
Bldg. Maintenance/Repair	2,000.00	
Insurance(Bldg./Contents)	1,800.00	
Equipment	3,000.00	
Equipment Rental	150.00	
Equipment-Maintenance/Repair	500.00	
Wages	22,400.00	
Bonus	1,600.00	
Payroll Taxes	1,400.00	
Employee Insurance	700.00	
Mileage	400.00	
Sales Tax	2,000.00	
CBA Dues	200.00	
Convention Expenses	500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,250.00	160,000.00

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS YEAR ENDING APRIL 5, 1976

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Cash Balance July 5, 1975	2,264.07
<u>Receipts</u>	
Interest on Savings Account	60.80
From General Fund	<u>2,000.00</u>
	4,324.87
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Union Mission - loan for down payment on property	<u>2,132.62</u>
Balance in Savings Account April 5, 1976	2,192.25

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING APRIL 5, 1976

GENERAL FUND - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Cash Balance July 5, 1975 5,332.11

Receipts

Cooperative fund	16,485.32
Undesignated gifts	9,845.52
Designated gifts	
Poplar Bluff	1,396.86
Poplar Bluff(special)	35.40
Sedalia	272.35
Stockton	82.00
Potosie	100.00
Union	6,607.25
Columbia	25.58
Cape Girardeau	18.50
Rev. Reeves	8.16
Salaries	
Cape Girardeau	6,800.00
Kansas City, 1st.	2,900.00
Independence	250.00
Bond Coupon	35.00
Check Credit	2.99
	44,864.93

44,864.93

Total to be accounted for

50,197.04

Disbursements

Kansas City, 1st.	7,200.00
Cape Girardeau	8,150.00
Poplar Bluff	5,671.48
Aurora	1,799.95
Union	8,131.43
Union designated	1,735.75
Union - loan	3,000.00
Independence	4,500.00
Divine Trinity	75.00
Sedalia	600.00
Rev. Reeves	8.16
To Savings	2,000.00
Bookkeeping	675.00
Telephone & Office Supplies	
& Stamps & Plaques	700.50
Mileage for Board	853.90
Flowers	62.75
Filing Fees	13.00
Check charge	2.99
	45,179.91

Total Disbursements

45,179.91

45,179.91

Working balance in General Fund April 5, 1976

5,017.13

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING APRIL 5, 1975

LOAN FUND

Cash Balance July 5, 1975 3,753.55

Receipts

Willow Springs	57.00	
State Woman's Auxiliary	3,725.17	
Anonymous	6.00	
South Side	10.00	
Olivet	620.00	
Interest	61.75	
Repayment/Sikeston Loan	10,000.00	
Interst/Sikeston Loan	375.00	
Repayment/Independence Loan	1,853.46	
Interest/Independence Loan	146.54	
	16,854.92	16,854.92
Total to be accounted for		20,608.47

Disbursements

Loan to Sedalia Mission	9,000.00	
Loan to Union Mission	1,500.00	
Loan to Independence	4,000.00	
	14,500.00	14,500.00
Balance on hand April 5, 1976		6,108.47

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.
BALANCE SHEET FOR 1975-76

Current Assets

Cash in bank (checking acct)	5,017.13	
Cash in bank (savings acct.)	2,192.25	
	7,209.38	7,209.38

Other Assets

Bonds		1,000.00
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Equipment

Adding Machine		50.00
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Board appraisal of property under our supervision

	VALUE/PROP	LIABILITIES	EQUITY	
Independence	64,000.00	45,500.00	18,500.00	
Aurora	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Cape Girardeau	75,000.00	31,000.00	44,000.00	
Kansas City 1st.	75,000.00	28,000.00	47,000.00	
Union	35,000.00	30,000.00	5,000.00	
Poplar Bluff	12,000.00	8,000.00	4,000.00	
Sedalia	12,000.00	9,000.00	3,000.00	
	283,000.00	151,500.00	131,500.00	131,500.00
Total Assets				139,759.38

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1976 - 77 GENERAL FUND

Balance in General Fund July 5, 1975 5,017.13

Anticipated Income

Cooperative Fund (20% of 120,000.00)	24,000.00	
Designated giving	<u>26,000.00</u>	
Total Anticipated Income	50,000.00	<u>50,000.00</u>
		55,017.13

Anticipated Expenses

Salaries - missionaries	26,600.00	
Housing Allowances	7,200.00	
New Work	9,600.00	
Board Expenses	2,500.00	
Bookkeeping	900.00	
Rental or leasing	2,200.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,200.00</u>	
Total Expenses	50,200.00	<u>50,200.00</u>
Working Balance		4,817.13

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.

Giving by Association: Year ending April 5, 1976

Southeast	5,964.28
Greater Kansas City	4,082.70
Mission	2,794.57
Cave Springs	2,759.77
Indian Creek	860.76
Central Western	904.81
Liberty	254.10
Northeast	125.25
Laclede County	
Niangua	
Northwest	

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS

1975 - 1976

Aurora	41.71	New Home	20.00
Beacon	84.00	New Life	152.35
Berkeley	625.00	Oak Hill	75.00
Bethel-Festus	147.64	O'Fallon	70.00
Buffalo	170.10	Olivet	2,225.00
Byrd	29.00	Pleasant Hill	30.72
Cape Girardeau	39.03	Poplar Bluff	2.45
Central	181.40	Purdy	89.00
Columbia	55.00	Rock Chapel	180.00
Copper Mines	60.00	Royal Oaks	66.00
Cotton Creek	90.10	Salem	80.00
Cuba	33.80	Sadalia	140.00
DeSoto	565.00	South Fremont	1,393.50
Evangel	61.81	South Side	138.66
Farmington	533.83	Twin Oak	20.00
Fellowship	227.00	Union Light	72.00
Flat River	142.11	Verdella	41.00
Fourth	296.48	Viburnum	57.69
Gateway	210.15	Victory	1,234.30
Grace	263.67	Walnut Grove	26.54
Hannon	802.00	West Plains	1,030.00
Hazel Creek	36.00	Mission Association	400.00
Houston	452.46	Northeast Association	89.25
Hurryville	15.00	St. Fran. Co. Mission Bd.	1,500.00
Independence	152.00	St. Fran. Co. Qtly. Mtg.	195.00
Jones Chapel	83.56	St. Louis Qtly. Mtg.	380.00
Joplin	84.50	Joe Braddy	5.00
Kingsway	29.00	Addie Champion	6.00
Lone Star	34.00	Evelyn Cheatham	10.00
Macedonia	335.00	Sue Cockman	10.00
Merls Chapel	100.00	Russell Johnson	10.00
Mine LaMotte	50.00	Laura Magnuson	10.00
Monett	118.49	Tom Owens	20.00
Mountain Grove	23.75	Dale Skiles	37.41
Myrtle	561.72	Naomi St. Cin	8.00
Neosho	35.00	Randall Tate	50.00

This report does not include Cooperative Fund giving.

A very special "THANK YOU" from your State Home Mission Board for your Cooperation in making this another great year for State Home Missions.

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

The Missouri State Youth Camp Board reported at the last state meeting that the last camp session (1975) was a record breaker with a total attendance of 1,232 of which, one-half that number, committed their lives to the Lord. There were 25 teenagers who announced their call to the mission field and the ministry.

It was a very special year in every respect. The Youth Camp Board is eternally grateful to all who worked so hard to make this possible.

The improvements at the camp since the last state meeting are as follows: The west playground has been black-topped for basketball, volleyball, etc. The swimming pool has been repaired and completely resurfaced. A 12 X 15 utility room has been built on the west end of the dining hall. An automatic dishwasher has been installed. Plastic kitchen utensils consisting of divided trays, cereal bowls, coffee cups, drinking glasses, and six large dispensers for tea and kool-aid, etc. have been purchased. This will eliminate the purchases of paper utensils saving approximately \$850.00 per camp session. New playground equipment that can satisfy the needs of all ages has been installed such as swing sets, parallel ladders and bars, and etc. In the way of teaching aids, the camp will supply books for each pupil along with the teaching equipment such as blackboards, etc.

In the way of future improvements, we are still trying to construct a lake. New rest rooms and showers are planned for the men. New classrooms and proper housing for the cooks and evangelist, etc. are being planned.

The Camp Board humbly thanks everyone for the generous gifts and offerings of the past year. We welcome any constructive criticism and suggestions for improving the Youth Camp.

In His Service- Your Camp Board
Bud Arnold, Chairman
Charles Miller, Secretary
Ken Goff
Lynn Wood

REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP INCOME BY CHURCHES JULY 1975 - APRIL 1976

Berkeley	\$ 90.00	New Home	\$ 92.86
Bethel	35.00	New Harmony	35.00
Cabool	10.00	New Life	80.00
Cuba	90.00	New Rock Springs	80.00
De Soto	100.00	Oak Hill	30.00
Faith	90.00	Olivet	80.00
Farmington	115.71	Oskaloosa	20.00
Fourth	60.00	Rock Chapel	100.00
Grant Avenue	90.00	St. Louis 4th. Mtg.	53.13
Hannon	135.00	South Fremont	110.00
Hazel Creek Union	90.00	Thayer	440.00
Independence	80.00	Union	60.00
Macedonia	60.00	Verdella	90.00
Mt. Grove, First	70.00	Willow Springs	90.00
Myrtle	164.16		

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT
JULY 1, 1975 - MARCH 31, 1976

BALANCE JULY 1, 1975 19,301.59

RECEIPTS :

Co-op* 3,916.52

Associations

Cave Springs	\$	560.33	
Central Western		245.00	
Greater Kansas City		160.00	
Indian Creek		-0-	
Laclede County		-0-	
Liberty		102.86	
Mission		784.43	
Niangua		25.00	
Northeast		100.00	
Northwest		-0-	
Southeast		<u>663.84-</u>	2,641.46

*March, 1976 CO-Op receipts of \$616.96 received
in April and deposited to fiscal 1976-1977

Camp Operation

Individual gifts		126.84	
Camp Rental		834.50	
Concession sales		424.40	
Refunds		305.19	
Other receipts		<u>162.00</u>	1,852.93

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 8,410.91

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR \$ 27,712.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Kitchen supplies & food		8,651.94	
Kitchen staff		100.00	
Concession Merchandise		2,262.67	
Board Mileage		567.92	
Bookkeeping & Office supplies		94.97	
Caretaker		1,684.00	
Utilities		2,123.80	
Camp maintenance		654.11	
Insurance		767.40	
Bank payment (Final)		911.61	
Camp equipment		1,364.58	
Returned checks		103.00	
Miscellaneous		1,013.17	
Secretary- Treasurer		<u>250.00</u>	

TOTAL DISBURSED 20,549.17

BALANCE MARCH 31, 1976 7,163.33

BALANCE IN BANK OF MARSHFIELD 5.00

BALANCE IN STATE BANK OF DESOTO MARCH 31, 1976 7,158.33

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP PROPOSED BUDGET
APRIL 1, 1976 - MARCH 31, 1977

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		\$ 7,163.33
RECEIPTS		
Co-op Funds (5.5%)	6,600.00	
Registration	14,000.00	
Rental of Camp	900.00	
Offerings	4,000.00	
Concession Sales	6,000.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>31,500.00</u>	\$ 31,500.00
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$ 38,663.33
EXPENDITURES		
Kitchen Supplies & Food	9,500.00	
Concessions	2,900.00	
Utilities	3,000.00	
Honorariums & Mileage	700.00	
Caretaker	2,500.00	
Secretary & Treasurer	250.00	
Insurance	800.00	
Printing & Office Supplies	300.00	
Playground Equipment	1,000.00	
Kitchen Help	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous	1,800.00	
Improvements	<u>12,400.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ <u>36,650.00</u>	\$ 36,650.00
PROJECTED BALANCE MARCH 31, 1977		\$ 2,013.33
ASSETS		
State Bank of DeSoto March 31, 1976		\$ 7,158.33
Bank of Marshfield		5.00
OTHER ASSETS		
Land and Buildings		\$ 250,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS MARCH 31, 1976		\$ 257,163.33
LIABILITIES MARCH 31, 1976		-0-
TOTAL ASSETS MARCH 31, 1976		\$ 257,163.33

The Sunday School & CTS Board Greet You In The Lord's Name:

We are thrilled at what has been accomplished this year. In just seven months, we have been able to offer our people three opportunities to better equip themselves to do the Lord's work. Workshops were conducted in Springfield, Kansas City and Festus. The last was a Teach 'N' Train sponsored and conducted by the National Sunday School office and our board. The editors and contributing writers for our literature were present at the TNT and conducted the individual seminars. The attendance at each successive meeting increased in such a way that our hopes are to promote more seminars next year. Those attending went back to their church and were more adequately prepared. Leadership and qualified personnel have long been the needs of Sunday School and CTS organizations. We hope to be able to help our churches to do something to alleviate the needs. We have a unified goal and purpose for existing and that is to provide learning centers and educational activities that will strengthen our churches state-wide. Any constructive criticism from qualified individuals will be gladly received, examined and then applied when found useful. Pray for our Sunday Schools that there would be a revival state-wide in churches of all sizes.

Once again our CTS competitions were highly profitable with the largest crowd attending ever. The participants were well prepared and will represent our state well. Our board is currently deciding on some organizational adjustments that will develop our CTS potential to its fullest and will allow it to function more adequately. We hope to promote the rebirth of old CTS groups and see the birth of new ones next year. CTS definitely has a place in every church and we ask all our churches to faithfully support and sponsor one. Your suggestions concerning ways that we may be better able to serve you would be welcome. We ask for your prayers and support.

Sunday School & CTS Board Members
Rev. Dale Smith
Rev. Kent Tallent
Rev. Tom Owens
Mr. Richard Pointer

INCOME STATEMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD July 1, 1975 to March 31, 1976

Balance July 1, 1975	General Funds	171.26
	Savings Acct.	270.41
		<u>441.67</u>

Receipts

Cooperative Funds	\$1,316.65	
Seminar Offerings	250.24	
Offering/State Mtg.	236.51	
Entry Fees/CTS Competition	5.00	
Checks/Uncleared	10.00	
Interest(Savings)	<u>13.85</u>	
	\$1,832.25	<u>1,832.25</u>
Total		\$2,273.92

Disbursements

Seminar Expenses	477.45
Mileage Reimbursements	831.35
Phone & Postage	171.12
Expenses/State Mtg.	<u>270.31</u>

INCOME STATEMENT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD
(CONTINUED)

Disbursements (continued):		2,273.92
Meals for Board & Seminar	80.69	
Speakers		
Miscellaneous Expenses	18.73	
(Checks 141 & 150)		
	<u>1,849.65</u>	<u>1,849.65</u>
Total		424.27
Total Balance March 31, 1976		140.01
In Checking		284.26
In Savings		<u>424.27</u>

MISSOURI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD

PROJECTED BUDGET 1976-77

Balance April 1, 1976		\$ 424.27
Projected Income		
Cooperative Fund	\$2,100.00	
Offering at State Mtg.		
& Seminars	500.00	
Entry Fees/CTS Competition	250.00	
	<u>2,850.00</u>	<u>2,850.00</u>
Total		\$3,274.27
Projected Expenses		
Seminars	600.00	
State Association	200.00	
Phone & Postage	175.00	
State Competition	800.00	
Travel Expenses/Board	850.00	
	<u>2,625.00</u>	<u>2,625.00</u>
Projected Balance March 31, 1977		\$ 649.27

Respectfully Submitted,
Missouri State SS & CTS Board
Rev. Dale Smith
Rev. Kent Tallent
Rev. Tom Owens
Mr. Richard Pointer

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Your Christian Education Board has had an active and fruitful year. Upon the creation of the board, it was charged with the responsibility of planning and implementing a continuing program of christian education and training.

This 1975-76 Institute year, we have had a total of 179 students enrolled in three locations of Missouri Bible Institute. In addition, seminars have been held within our State Association with good enrollments.

It is our happy privilege to present four students of MBI with a Certificate of Bible, awarded to them from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. These are, in fact, the first students to graduate from MBI and receive the award.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
(CONTINUED)

As of this report, MBI is no longer an extension of Hillsdale College, Moore, Oklahoma. This change in our relationship results from a ruling of the Oklahoma Board of Regents. We find ourselves at a loss for words when trying to express our deep gratitude to Hillsdale College and President Jones for their untiring help in the infant days of MBI.

We look upon the above action as in the providence of God and as a blessing from God to Missouri Bible Institute. September, 1976, MBI begins a continuing program of Institute studies which will grant a Certificate of Bible from Missouri Bible Institute. Thus, for the first time, Missouri Free Will Baptists, will have a local program of christian education which will award them such a Certificate. We are excited about the opportunity.

Beginning in September 1976, MBI will have at least four two-year sites. MBI will no longer operate on a two semester basis. We are moving to a three semester system. There will be three semesters per year. Each semester will be 12 weeks in length. They will be Fall, Winter and Spring semesters with three classes being taught each semester in each Institute. Definite information concerning the program offered by MBI is now available. In addition to the four "permanent" locations of the Institute, "Satellite Institutes" will be held in various locations of the state as the needs are made known to the Board.

The Christian Education Board is also prepared to assist local churches through seminars and "short term" classes. Pastors who think the board can assist him and his church should contact a member of the board about his particular interest.

The Scriptures say: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also....Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:2,15). The Christian Education Board views these holy commandments as a Divine imperative. Thus we define its purpose as being: "To provide quality academic education and training, with practical application, which supplements the ministry of the local Free Will Baptist Churches in Missouri. Our aim is to accomplish this purpose through every means available to us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Millard C. Sasser, Chairman

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in Checking Acct.	\$3,935.80	
Accts. Payable (Institutes)	647.85	
Office Equipment	40.00	
Total		\$4,623.65

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Bills	-0-	
Total		-0-

FUND BALANCE		\$4,623.65
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MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
NINE MONTHS REPORT
JULY 1, 1975 -- MARCH 31, 1976

INCOME

Beginning Balance July 1, 1975	\$2,849.34	
Proceeds/Savings Acct.	2,504.96	
*Co-op	1,571.53	
Seminar @ Youth Camp (Fall '75)	463.00	
Seminar @ Farmington (Spring '76)	275.00	
Institutes:		
Leadington	\$2,026.80	
Liberal	1,344.25	
Mt. Grove	1,620.21	
	<u>4,991.26</u>	
Total	12,655.09	\$12,655.09

EXPENDITURES

Board Expense	556.12	
Office	620.19	
Tuition to Hillsdale	6,952.25	
Textbooks	423.40	
Refunds	167.33	
Total	<u>8,719.29</u>	<u>8,719.29</u>
Balance On Hand		\$ 3,935.80
* Co-op March check received in April--\$224.35		

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
BUDGET 1976-77

INCOME

Co-op (2% of \$120,000)	\$2,400.00	
Student Fees	2,640.00	
Book Sales	700.00	
Total	<u>\$5,740.00</u>	\$5,740.00

EXPENDITURES

Board Travel	600.00	
Printing & Advertising	600.00	
Retreat Expense	200.00	
Office Expense	600.00	
Teacher Salaries	2,320.00	
Teacher Travel	720.00	
Textbooks	700.00	
Total	<u>\$5,740.00</u>	\$5,740.00

GENERAL FUND REPORT
TO THE BRETHREN OF MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
FROM FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Dear Missouri Friends:

To report on your National operated and controlled college is indeed a privilege. Free Will Baptist Bible College has had a good year. Choice young people from across the denomination have received the best training the Free Will Baptist denomination offers tomorrow's leaders. Zealous young preachers with spiritual fire in their souls are going out to preach the Gospel. Students whose hearts beat for the cause of Christ in distant fields are offering themselves to our mission boards. Christian teachers have been readied to instruct young minds in the classroom of both public and Christian day schools. Church musicians are bringing even better music to our congregations. Still other students are actively assuming responsible places of service in the local church while they work at secular jobs.

Many churches and church people are taking a new look at Christian Education. More Free Will Baptist people are going to college than ever before in our history. For this reason, you are to be commended for what you have done this year to help with this costly but fruitful ministry. Hopefully this report will challenge you and the people of this state to do even more during the coming year.

Missouri Friends are being asked to give \$16,000.00 during the June 1976 - May 1966, college year. During this past year, your general fund gifts amounted to approximately \$14,213.12. This means you will need to give a monthly average of \$1,184.43.

Estimated total general fund gifts of \$315,500.00 for the 1975-76 year will exceed the previous year's gifts by \$18,268.85. Monthly general fund gifts averaged \$26,321.79. This has been a daily gift flow of \$865.38.

On May 1, there were 25,000 catalogued volumes in the campus library. Seven hundred forty-two of these volumes are in the Free Will Baptist Historical collection. Eight hundred twelve volumes make up the curriculum laboratory. This leaves 23,446 volumes in the regular library. During the 1975-76 year, a total of 1,739 books were added as follows: 70 Historical collection; 812 Curriculum laboratory; and 857 in the regular library.

Names of students from your state are listed in this report along with the vital statistics of interest to you.

Your continued prayers and financial support are vital to your National college. It means much to the administration, faculty, and staff to know we can count on you.

Sincerely yours,
Paul J. Kettelman
Director of Public Relations

MISSOURI STUDENTS - 1975-76
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Gary Adkisson, Cape Girardeau	Kenneth Humphrye, Springfield
Diane Chapman, Marshfield	Leonard Nicholas, Desloge
Susan Jane Combs, Couch	Vernon Long, Festus
Linda Day, Lebanon	Robyn Lea Stuart, Farmington
Joseph Edward Day, Lebanon	Charlotte Tallent, St. Louis
Kenneth Dodson, Elvins	Yvonne Thigpen, Arnold
Kenneth Fox, Kansas City	Jacqueline Vancil, St. Louis
Richard Greenup, Columbia	James Ward, St. Louis
Wayne Hale, Flat River	John England, Thayer
Alvin Hook, Kansas City	Michael Willhite, St. Louis

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

TO: MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Brethren:

Seventeen students from Missouri registered at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in August, 1975. They joined 171 others for a record enrollment last fall of 188. Twenty-three new students joined them in January.

Gifts from Missouri (through May, 1975) totaled \$21,152.64. This total included gifts from the 5th. weekend in February when records were established in individual church giving by the Farmington Free Will Baptist Church. Attached to this report is a financial summary through 10 months. Here again, records have been established.

Missouri and Hillsdale have worked together in sponsoring Bible Institutes in the state. We have appreciated the initiative and concern shown by the Christian Education Board and believe the results will be long lasting. Regretfully, we will be unable to accredit student's work in the same way we did this past year. However, we have worked out alternative methods of accreditation with the Christian Education Board. They will be implementing these this fall.

The future is bright for those seriously given over to the will of God. Christians have always been able to make an impact on society, but this is especially true today. Continue to pray that the education our students receive at Hillsdale will prepare them for the particular ministry God has selected-----whether layman or preacher.

Reverend Andy Lay, Missouri's elected member to the Board of Trustees, has done a fine job representing the state this past year. He is a member of the Academic Committee and has contributed much to a recent development in curriculum that will be of great advantage to our students.

May God richly bless you during this Association.

Sincerely in Christ,
Bill M. Jones
President

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE
MISSOURI STUDENTS - 1975-76

FRESHMAN CLASS

Sheila Cawvey, West Plains
James Crossgrove, Novinger
Dennis Dotson, West Plains
Kevin Francis, Farmington
Barbara Greenhaw, Farmington
Jerry Harris, St. Louis
Gregory McAllister, Farmington
Beverly Rehkop, Arnold
Sandy Selvey, Liberal
Kathy Simpson, Farmington
Charles L. Smith, Liberal

SOPHMORE CLASS

Craig Combs, Grover
Kent Hubbard, St. Louis
Roger Vaughn, Cuba

JUNIOR CLASS

Brenda Bunch, Liberal
James R. Smith, Joplin

SENIOR CLASS

Richard Robinson, West Plains

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS

Dear Friends in Missouri:

OUR FAMILY:

Missionaries, chaplains, board members, and staff send our warmest greetings.

OUR FIELD:

The continent of North America (Alaska, Canada, mainland, and Mexico) the Hawaiian Islands, and West Indies (Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico) cry, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to harvest." 285 million souls reside on this continent.

OUR FIGURES:

1975 was our greatest year! Five churches became self supporting. Eight new missionaries went to the field. Property was purchased, building projects were completed, and 885 conversions were reported by Home Missions churches! Income passed the half million dollar mark - \$528,150.49. This was made possible because dedicated pastors, churches, and laymen faithfully supported Home Missions!

OUR FINANCES:

Home Missions receipts this year total \$190,217.69 toward our quota of \$608,500.00. Your association has given \$8,333.61 toward its quota of \$24,000.00. Our entire family thanks you. We will see that your gifts are used to reach souls for Christ and build Free Will Baptist churches in needy places.

OUR FEAR:

A look at our country reveals that not one person in ten is a Christian, and not one in a thousand is a Free Will Baptist. Only one church in five preaches the gospel, and churches are closing at the rate of one every hour - 9,000 last year.

Five out of six Free Will Baptists who move will find no Free Will Baptist church in their new city. Ten states have no Free Will Baptist churches, twenty states have less than eight. In 26 capitals, and hundreds of other large cities, and thousands of towns, Free Will Baptists are doing nothing to reach people for Christ. May God have mercy on us in the judgment.

OUR FUTURE:

This year promises to be a great year for all of us. The Lord may come. It is leap year. It is election year. It is the

bicentennial of our country's birth. May we pool our resources and fill our land with our churches and see revival come! "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into His harvest."

OUR FAITH:

Truly our faith is in God and our Free Will Baptist people! Both have been mighty faithful to Home Missions! On the back of this letter are some ways you can help. Let us hear from you.

In His Service,
Roy Thomas
Associate Director

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Set a goal for your church for its Home missionary giving this year and lead them to reach it.

Schedule a missionary conference and challenge your people with the faith promise plan.

Put Home Missions in your church budget. Give your VBS offerings.

Have a "missionary of the week" report each Wednesday night. Assign a different missionary each week to someone in your church, asking them to give a report, lead in prayer, and receive an offering.

Encourage Woman's Auxiliaries, Master's Men, Sunday School, and CTS classes to adopt special projects such as Cash for Cajun Country.

Schedule missionaries in your church when they are itinerating in your area.

Give a generous offering on Home Missions Sunday, November 21, 1976.

Get prayer cards and maps of missionaries and encourage your people to pray for their success.

Help us with our Joint Projects. Every state could start a church this year. Most district associations could start a church this year. Some local churches could start a church this year.

Have a Home Missions Rally in your church this year.

Pray for laborers for the 10 states, 26 capitals, hundreds of counties, and thousands of cities where we do not have any Free Will Baptist Churches.

Give the Whole Offering on any Sunday and receive a beautiful genuine Buffalo-grain leather Study Bible FREE!

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
JUNE 8-10, 1976

GREETINGS - to you our friends and co-workers of the Missouri State Association from your missionaries across the world and from your home office staff.

GRATITUDE - is expressed once again to the churches of Missouri for the generous gifts given for the cause of overseas evangelism.

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS (CONTINUED)

GIVING - from Missouri to Foreign Missions over the past five years is as follows:

<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976 thru April</u>
\$79,033.23	\$86,749.06	\$75,703.93	\$93,084.67	\$39,449.48

Your state quota for 1975 was \$100,000. Receipts for that year totaled \$93,084.67. You missed reaching the quota by \$6,915.33.

Glowing results were evidenced as the gifts to Foreign Missions were tallied for the first four months of 1976. The average monthly income for this period amounted to \$102,679.18. PRAISE THE LORD! This enabled us to exceed our budget (January thru April) by \$47.75. While this doesn't amount to much it represents a tremendous achievement for our department.

Glowing results were also recorded from my personal itinerary in response to our faith promise missionary conferences and rally days. Over a period of twelve weeks a record \$3,873.82 per month was tallied (January was set aside for surgery and convalescence). From May 18, 1975 through May 2, 1976, \$15,310.93 per month was recorded---making a total of \$183,373.16 for 51 weeks. GLORY TO OUR GOD!

A RECORD CALL-A-THON offering was reported for April 18. At last count the total stood at \$22,833.26. ANOTHER PRAISE ITEM:

GROWTH - We now have 88 missionaries serving in 8 foreign countries. Two couples and two single girls anticipate leaving for their respective fields of service this year. They are: Allan and Larue Crowson (Africa), Steve and Judy Lytle (Panama), Alice Smith (Africa), and Judy Smith (Japan).

Three new couples and one single girl completed Missionary Internship on May 13. Ron and Linda Callaway (Spain), Clint and Lynette Morgan (Africa), and Jim and Susan Moser (Brazil), have begun their deputational ministry. Mirial Gainer has been approved for an associate missionary relationship.

Another three couples, one single girl and a single young man are scheduled to enter Missionary Internship in September of this year. They are: Jim and Karen Cowart (Brazil), Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson (Africa), John and Pansy Murray (France), Charolette Tallent (France), and Tom McCullough (France). REMEMBER THESE AS YOU PRAY!

Ten summer missionaries will depart on May 23 and 24 for a 10-week stay in four countries assisting the missionaries. Sandra Tittle and June Lytle will serve in Panama. Cathy Crawford and Rebecca Rigby will spend their time in France. Neil Gilliland is scheduled for Brazil. Mike and Deleen Cousineau, Rick Sirico, Paula Coffman and John Rhodes will assist the missionaries in Ivory Coast, Africa.

GOING - with the gospel of Christ to make the "good news" of salvation available to "all nations", remains the supreme task of the church. World population has topped the 4 billion mark. There are nearly 3 billion souls in the world today to whom the gospel is not available. THINK OF IT.

In John 4:34, Jesus said, "Say not ye, There are yet four

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months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you. Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already unto harvest."

PLAN NOW FOR A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE IN YOUR CHURCH. WRITE OR CALL US! WE STAND READY TO ASSIST YOU IN EVERY WAY.

Gratefully yours,
Henry VanKluyve
FOREIGN MISSIONS DEPARTMENT

P.S. The Jerry Pinkerton's are due to arrive for furlough the last of June or the first of July. They are Missouri's children. Do pray for them as they return and assume their deputational responsibilities. They're counting on you!

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE

TO: The Moderator, Clerk, Delegates and Visitors-Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists Convening at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Bridgeton, Missouri...

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

We want you to know how much we appreciate the churches in your association who make use of our materials. Our aim is to provide better and more practical resource material through our regular curriculum and electives. We value your suggestions, constructive criticism and use of our materials.

Our department took a step of faith the first of this year by employing Mr. Guy Tucker as Field Representative. Guy has traveled quite extensively in Alabama, Florida, West Virginia and Ohio so far this year. He is a musically talented young man and an able speaker. Your prayers are requested for his travels and contacts. We believe God that through the use of this young man many more churches will see the need to establish an active and progressive CTS.

Our newest catalog is now available. You will notice that several new things have been added. We trust that you will take the time to browse through it. Also on hand is our descriptive brochure entitled "The Growing Church," which presents in a clear and concise manner the organizational structure of CTS as well as our objectives and activities.

One important curriculum addition is Teen Encounter, a new quarterly magazine for junior high teens. It is unique in style and format and identifiable in contrast to Junior Adventurer and Teen Action. We trust that your Heralds for Christ have the opportunity to use this informative magazine.

At this time of the year, a great deal of our concentration and effort is geared toward the National Youth Conference. Again, we beg an interest in your prayers for this annual event. Pray for Jonathan Thigpen, the NYC Coordinator, the volunteer workers, the musicians and the guest speaker, Evangelist Robert Shelton. Circle July 4th. on your calendar as NYC Day of Prayer. We also hope you will make plans to drop by our booth during the National Association.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE
(CONTINUED)

May the Lord grant a most blessed and challenging associational meeting.

Sincerely in Christ,
Malcolm C. Fry
General Director

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

GREETINGS TO MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTIST: Meeting June 8-10, 1976.

THANK YOU...for expressing genuine interest in the growth of our denomination by praying for and supporting our national ministries. Because of your support, we are achieving greater goals.

TOGETHER WE GROW...Galatians 3:28 assures us that we are all "one in Christ." Oneness is a thing of beauty. As I travel among our local churches, I rejoice at the oneness among our people. Different churches are using varying means and methods to accomplish God's work. Also, a variety of spiritual gifts are operative within the Free Will Baptist framework. Yet, God is enabling us to know Him and share Him and His Word with others. It is truly exciting to realize that although diverse in method, we are moving together as co-laborers in carrying out the Great Commission.

LIBERAL IN GIVING...Sometimes we look at Scriptural teaching on giving and confine these admonitions to the individual believer. But God's commands are directed as much to the local church as a united body of believers as to individuals. Therefore, "Give, and it shall be given unto you..." (Luke 6:38). Churches who are giving generously are also reaping generously. Churches sharing in an abundant measure are reaping an abundant harvest in return.

Thank you for your gifts to the Cooperative Plan of Support. Your gifts to our national ministries are an expression of your love for Christ. Cooperative giving continues to climb. Following a 20 percent overall increase during 1975, giving this year reflects an additional 17½ percent increase. Thank you for making this such a notable increase.

CONTACT MAGAZINE...Subscriptions to CONTACT, our denominational magazine, are increasing. We are including more news of local interest, and this added dimension is receiving enthusiastic response.

The single subscription rate is only \$4.00 a year. By subscribing to the Church Family Plan, every member of your church can receive the magazine. This plan offers a sizeable savings over the single subscription rate. Sample copies, subscription forms and additional information may be secured by writing to CONTACT, P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

1976 CONVENTION..."Fanning the Flames of Freedom" is the theme of this year's convention slated for July 11-15 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Speakers will develop various aspects of the theme which was selected in keeping with our nation's Bicentennial celebration. Why not plan to spend your vacation with "like-

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
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mind" vacationers in Oklahoma this summer? Each church is asked to send a delegate to our 1976 convention.

OPERATION PARTNERSHIP...The campaign to retire the indebtedness on our National Offices Building continues to gain momentum. The impact of the campaign is being felt with record offerings in recent months. Numerous churches are expected to respond by the National Association which meets in July. If your church has not participated, we ask you to plan now to share with us as a faithful partner in eliminating this indebtedness.

FINALLY...I realize more than ever how much I need your prayers in this ministry. Every person whom you have placed in a position of leadership is dependent upon your prayers. May I request that once each month, you ask your "Wednesday night prayer warriors" to pray for our denominational leaders?

Sincerely in Christ,
Rufus Coffey
Executive Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TO: MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

Greetings to each of you from our General Director, Roger C. Reeds, and the entire Sunday School Department staff. We rejoice with you in the accomplishments your Association has made during the past year.

The purchase of curriculum materials from the Sunday School Department by the Lebanon Bible and Book Store amounted to \$36,909.15 in 1975. This represents an increase of \$4,421.15. General merchandise purchases for this same period totaled \$2,995.21. This reflects an increase of \$1,058.07.

This has been an exceptional year for us in outreach with Sunday School curriculum materials, teacher training, and our expanding book ministry. Please take the opportunity to look through the catalog of new and regular offerings from your Sunday School Department. Some of the newer items are Systematics, A Survey of the Pentateuch, The Unsealed Book, The Apocalypse, A Survey of the Gospels, Perseverance in Preservation, A Survey of the Books of History, The Bicentennial of the Sunday School, Volume III of Romans in paperback, and the complete hardback edition of Romans. In addition to these, the church covenant has been produced on a 3" x 5" plastic bookmark.

You will also want to note that the Children's Church Guide and Missionary Stories with visuals are complete for the four quarters.

Books soon to be released are A Survey of the Books of Poetry, A Survey of the General Epistles, and A Survey of the Pauline Epistles. These are valuable tools to aid and equip you in your ministry for Christ. Add them to your library and use them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
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We are presently producing in excess of 385,000 pieces of Christ-exalting Free Will Baptist materials per quarter. That's over a million and a half pieces per year. Pray for us in this ministry as we seek to get His Word out through the printed page.

We are a service agency of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and stand ready to aid you in any way we can. Please let us know of your needs.

We pray that our Lord may prosper you in the year ahead.

Sincerely in Christ
FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
H. D. Harrison
Director of Sales/Promotion

THE NATIONAL LAYMAN'S BOARD
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

TO: Missouri State Association

This report from the National Layman's Board is being written with much excitement. The Lord Jesus Christ has richly blessed the efforts of laymen and churches across our denomination as they have poured out their lives in the work of the Master. As you know the purpose of the National Layman's Board is to help local pastors to involve their laymen in the work of their church. In an effort to give our laymen an opportunity to share together in a national endeavor, two projects have been established by the Layman's Board. They are Project Tool Shed and Project Book Shelf.

Project Book Shelf gives our laymen an opportunity to support our missionaries with educational tools in up-to-date literature. In early Spring, our missionaries were sent a listing of books and booklets authored by Free Will Baptists. They were given an opportunity to select books they wanted. The books were grouped so that each missionary could select approximately \$5 work of books. A total of 248 books were sent out to 37 missionaries. The books were sent out to the missionaries in May. We plan to do this twice a year. Also, as funds are available, foreign missionaries returning to the field will be given books to take back with them to the mission field.

Project Tool Shed was initiated to involve our laymen in supporting our missionaries with tools which will help them in building new churches and maintaining existing buildings. For missionaries sponsored by the National Home Missions Board or joint national/state home missions boards, we want to establish a basic tool box consisting of hand tools (hammer, saw, screw drivers, etc.) which could be given to the missionary.

For foreign missionaries, our desire is to provide them with power tools as the need arises. Our first project was for Howard Filkins, Ivory Coast. The Master's Men provided him a wet/dry vacuum and a table saw, plus \$366 for tools he had

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purchased out of his own money. These tools are for the school shop where he and his wife serve as house parents. Brother Archie Mayhew, missionary to Ivory Coast, said he did not know any place in the world that the tools would be more appreciated. The school has approximately 200 students, all of missionary parents. The skills learned will equip them for further service for the Lord.

THE NATIONAL LAYMAN'S BOARD
Mr. Loyd C. Olsan

* The Moderator appointed Mr. Jim Hays, 111 Bennett, Lebanon, Missouri, 65536, to serve as liaison between Missouri and the National Layman's Board.

REPORT OF THE 1976
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS CONVENTION

The N.A.E. Convention was held February 22-25, 1976, at the Shoreham American Hotel in Washington, D.C. Those representing Missouri Free Will Baptists at this annual N.A.E. Convention were Andy Lay, R. B. Spurgeon, Millard Sasser, Edwin Bowden and Clarence Burton. Also accompanying this group representation at the convention was Donald Lombard, Missouri Free Will Baptist pastor having personal membership with NAE. Some of the observations of those attending were:

There was a good spirit prevailing throughout the convention of some 4,000 Evangelicals and the worship services would be acceptable to Free Will Baptists. The opening worship service on Sunday evening was especially noted as gathering members and guests were called to prayer for the nation for at least 45 minutes.

The theme, "Let Freedom Ring", for the joint convention of N.A.E. and N.R.B. (National Religious Broadcasters) was very well developed by the practical messages of the guest speakers among whom were: Congressman John B. Conlan of Arizona; Dr. Harold J. Ockenka, President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Dr. Joseph Jackson, President of the National Baptist Convention, and Dr. Francis Schaeffer, author and theologian of L'Abri, Switzerland. Congressman Conlan was noted in urging Evangelical involvement at the polls, "The nation's 40 million evangelicals are the largest single block of votes in the nation, but over 15 million are not registered to vote." Dr. Joseph Jackson called for national repentance. Dr. Francis Schaeffer closed the convention with an inspiring message dealing with the unchanging nature and authority of the Holy Scriptures.

There were several informative workshops held during the afternoon session of the convention for those interested such as: Decency in Media, Organizing for Church Growth, and Training Laymen to Counsel.

Among those representing Missouri State Free Will Baptists at the N.A.E. Convention elected to Commissions are as follows: Evangelical Social Action Commission - Rev. Millard Sasser, Stewardship Commission - Rev. Andy Lay, Evangelical and Home Missions Associates - Rev. Edwin Bowden, Commission on Higher Education - Rev. Russel Spurgeon, N.A.E. General Board - Rev.

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Clarence Burton. In closing, it was good to be able to cross denominational lines and barriers and join with other evangelicals in prayer and concern for the issues of both church and state within this great nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin Bowden
Clarence Burton
Andy Lay
Don Lombard
Millard Sasser*
Russel Spurgeon

*Report was given by Rev. Millard Sasser.

REPORT ON HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

The Study Committee on the Home for Senior Citizens met at Lebanon, Missouri, on May 20, 1976 at 10:00 a.m. Present were chairman, Rev. Glenn Rekhop, Rev. N. R. Smith, Rev. Robert Francis and Rev. Lynn Wood. Separate and individual studies by committee members have resulted in the following findings:

1. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will guarantee a mortgage of up to 90% of estimated value. This loan could be pro-rated over a 40 year period. Special factors would be (1) Cost certification is required. (2) Certificate of need from state agency is required.
2. There is a possibility of getting a package deal from various organizations, one of which is Christian Builders, Inc., Nashville, Tennessee, who would provide plans, supervise and build to our specification, using volunteer labor when feasible.
3. Consideration of property at Mt. Grove (poultry experiment station) resulted in the finding that this property is not available for said project.
4. Existing Nursing Home property 10 miles north of Lebanon was looked at with no recommendation about this property at present.

We, as a committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That a professional Nursing Home type of facility be of primary consideration and retirement village or home be considered in future times.
2. A survey indicates that according to Free Will Baptist population, Southeast Missouri to be the logical location.
3. That cities of Flat River, Farmington, Festus, Fredericktown be considered because of medical facilities, transportation and general conveniences. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Robert Francis, Rev. Glenn Rekhop, Rev. N. R. Smith and Rev. Lynn Wood.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend at this time that honorable tribute in memory be expressed to the deceased from among the members of the State Association of Missouri. Among those who have been taken from us are:

Alma Purtle
Margaret Holman
Freeman Bailey
Forrest Griffin
Henry Lix
Bessie Kirkpatrick
Marvin Patterson
Ed Serclum
Berniece Stanley
Rev. George Hibbetts
Rev. George Miller
August Horvs
Belle Coffey
Goldie Gregory
Myrtle Coffman
Riley Coffman
Anne Limerkiller
Harold Balling
Junior Goings
Carl Carmack
Lucy Warden
Hariett Smith
Howard Kennedy
Ola Bea Francis
Elmer Snyder
Chris Pyrtle
Hallie Cline

Elgin Williams
Ralph Foster
Frank Halmes
William Price
Alice Price
J. O. Stubblefield
Mrs. Gilliam
Rev. Fred Wynn
Rev. Leslie Fowler
Rev. Archie Hague
Earl Frisby
Howard Hartman
Troy Henderson
Jim Henderson
Alma Davis
Rev. O. T. Allred
Rev. Harry Sterling
Howard Huey
Jonas Stockson
Flossie Kirk
Frank Chandler
Rodney Turner
Nolan Thomas
Roxie Williams
Ethel Myers
Alpha Admire
Bertie Massey

Let us pause for a Memorial Prayer to be led by Rev. James Barker.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Beatty, Chairman
Grover Pingleton
James Stovall
Homer Mosier
Virgil Cantrell

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolution Number One....

Be it resolved that the Moderator appoint a Layman as a liaison between the National Layman's Board and Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches. M/S/C to adopt. (Information: Mr. Jim Hays, Lebanon, Missouri, was appointed by the Moderator to serve in this position.)

Resolution Number Two....

Whereas an emergency could arise with a missionary from Missouri on a given mission field where funds would be needed immediately, be it resolved that the General Board have the approval to act as they see fit to meet this need by designating the Cooperative funds for home or foreign missions as the case may be. Such action shall be continued only as the emergency exists. M/S/C to adopt.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
(CONTINUED)

Resolution Number Three....

Be it resolved that the Missouri State Association express our appreciation to the Trinity Church, its pastor and staff, and the St. Louis District Quarterly Meeting for the gracious hosting of this Bicentennial Session of Missouri Free Will Baptists. M/S/C to adopt.

Resolution Number Four....

Be it resolved that a standing vote of appreciation be given to the officers, speakers, and those who ministered in music during this session. M/S/C to adopt.

Resolution Number Five....

Be it resolved that the Executive Committee consider the incorporation of a prayer meeting during our State Association. M/S/C to adopt.

Resolution Number Six....

Be it resolved that the letters to the Association contain space for listing the deceased, and that the names of the deceased be printed in the GEM magazine. M/S/C to adopt.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Wood
Mark Vandivort
Bob Francis
Jim Mertz
Danny Martin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
Assistant Clerk

Rev. William Evans
Rev. Roger Harwell
Rev. Robert Francis
Rev. Tom Owens

GENERAL BOARD :

Cave Springs
Central Western
Indian Creek
Greater Kansas City
Laclede County
Liberty
Southeast Mo.

Rev. Russell Johnson	1978
Mr. Charlie Hoover	1978
Rev. Cecil Campbell	1978
Rev. James Bundy	1978
Rev. Glen Jones	1978
Rev. Jim Murtz	1978
Rev. Jim McAllister	1977

HOME MISSION BOARD :

Rev. Dale Skiles
Rev. Glen Rehkop

Five year term
Two year term

YOUTH CAMP BOARD :

Rev. Steve Burton

Five year term

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD :

Rev. Kent Tallent
Rev. Ken Rogers
Rev. Teddy Willbanks

Five year term
Two year term
One year term

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD :

Rev. Howard Bowers

Five year term

N. A. E. COMMISSIONS :

Rev. Millard Sasser
Rev. Edwin Bowden
Rev. Russel Spurgeon
Rev. Andy Lay
Rev. Clarence Burton

Social Action Commission
Evangelism Commission
Higher Education Commission
Stewardship Commission
General Board Member

COMMITTEE on "HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS"

Rev. Robert Francis, Chairman
Rev. Harry Beatty
Rev. Andy Lay

Rev. James Barker
Rev. N. R. Smith

REGISTRATION REPORT

Visitors	333
Ministers	96
Delegates	98
Total	<u>527</u>

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION 1976

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention opened at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 8, 1976, at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Bridgeton, Missouri. The theme of the convention was "LET FREEDOM RING" using Matthew 10:8 as the scriptural theme. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Helen McAllister presided over the morning session which opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Ted Wilbanks and accompanied by Brenda Evans, pianist, and Elaine Spurgeon, organist. Opening prayer by Betty Reeves. The welcome was given by Jean Francis and the response by Patsy Braddy. The congregation joined Rev. Wilbanks in singing the theme song, "Joy Is the Flag". A Bicentennial Special featured a recitation by Rev. Stanley Jones accompanied by Brenda Evans.

Sandy Smith, president, brought greetings to the convention. The following committees were appointed: CREDENTIALS: Barbara Harwell, chairwoman, Linda Moses and Evelyn Rekhop. APPRECIATION: Patsy Braddy, chairwoman, Daisy Harper and Janet Bailey. REGISTRATION: Helen McAllister, chairwoman, Bea Colby and Sharon Ruble. FINANCE: Blanche Wisehart, chairwoman, Jeannie Bowman, Miriam Wilhite, Katie Eaton and Tommie Sharry.

The Credentials Committee report was read and accepted and delegates were seated.

The morning session was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Vivian Burton. Recess with time allowed to view exhibit area.

MORNING WORSHIP

The morning worship service was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Mr. Homer Mosier. The Ladies Trio from Beacon Free Will Baptist Church, Raytown, Missouri, presented the special music, "Come, Holy Spirit".

Recognition of visitors: Rev. Bob Shockey, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Leland Horton, Des Moines, Iowa; Brother Trymon Messer, Salina, Kansas; Rev. and Mrs. Carlisle Hanna, Nashville, Tenn. A plaque was presented to the Olivet Woman's Auxiliary, Marshall, Missouri, as being the largest single contributor to the State Home Missions Perpetual Loan Fund.

The Bicentennial Auxiliary Choir, under the direction of Rev. Ted Wilbanks, sang a medley of patriotic songs. Rev. Carlisle Hanna, veteran missionary to India, delivered the morning message. An offering was received for the Hanna family (\$206.04). Benediction by Rev. Leland Horton.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation joined Rev. Wilbanks in singing, "I Will Tell the Wondrous Story". Special music was presented by Sue Cook and the Beacon Trio, "The Statue of Liberty". Lucille Beatty introduced the afternoon skit, "Freedom Through Christ" presented by the women of the Grace Free Will Baptist Church Auxiliary.

The president, Sandy Smith, presided over the business session. The following committee reports were read and accepted:

Registration Committee; Finance Committee; Appreciation Committee and Resolutions Committee. Delegates were selected to fill vacancies for the 1976 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention. Jean Williams, Shirley Bowden, Carolyn Saverance and Lynda Glenn were selected to replace Bonnie Doggett, Lucille Beatty (field worker/standing delegate), Barbara Johnson and Mary Hill. The completed slate of WNAC delegates for the 1976 convention are as follows: Blanche Wisehart, Jean Williams, Shirley Bowden, Francis Bundy, Darlene Parrish, Charlotte Whitcomb, Patsy Braddy, Jewel Campbell, Vivian Burton, Helen McAllister, Ruth Thompson, Jean Francis, Carolyn Saverance, Tommie Sharpy and Lynda Glenn.

A Nominating Committee was selected as follows: Alice Hoover, chairwoman, Central Western District; Audrey Bigelow, Greater Kansas City District; Jewel Campbell, Indian Creek District; Kay Tallent, Northeast Missouri District; Betty Reeves, St. Francois County District; Erma Lea Hogan, St. Louis District; Kay Wilbanks, Mission District; Elaine Skiles, regional area of West Plains, Thayer and Myrtle; Peggy Edwards, Columbia local Auxiliary, and Hester Tucker, Cuba local Auxiliary. This committee will report to the 1977 convention meeting in Lebanon, Missouri.

Shirley Bowden encouraged the women to attend the annual Auxiliary Retreat to be held September 13-14 at the Youth Camp, Niangua, Missouri. The theme of the Retreat will be "Spirits of '76", Galatians 5:22, and Sandra Payne, missionary nurse to Africa, will be the guest speaker. The registration fee will remain the same (\$7.00).

Brenda Evans discussed the 1976 Woman's National Auxiliary Convention which will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 12-13. The theme for the convention will be "Free Indeed", John 8:36. Dr. Milley will speak during the Auxiliary Banquet on Monday evening, July 12th. Rev. Joe Haas, missionary to France, will deliver the eleven o'clock message on Tuesday, July 13th. Our state produced four winners in the National Creative Writing Contest this year, and awards will be presented during the convention.

Cleo Pursell, National Executive Secretary, sent greetings to our convention as well as Rev. and Mrs. James Earl Raper from the Children's Home in Greeneville, Tenn.

Meeting was adjourned in prayer by Mr. Lee Evans.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the reports and found the following to be correct. Reports received and sent to WNAC were as follows: St. Louis District, St. Francois County District, Greater Kansas City District, Northeast Missouri District, Indian Creek District, Central Western District, Mission District; Thayer, Myrtle, Cuba, West Plains and Columbia, all local auxiliaries. Respectfully submitted-Barbara Harwell, chairwoman, Linda Moses and Evelyn Rekhop. /s/

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: We, the Registration Committee, wish to report the following: 52 visitors; 5 ministers; 62 delegates; making a total registration of 119. Respectfully submitted-Helen McAllister, chairwoman, Bea Colby and Sharon Ruble. /s/

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the Appreciation Committee, would

like to give the ladies of the St. Louis area a standing vote of thanks for an outstanding job in hosting this bicentennial year, Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Respectfully submitted- Patsy Braddy, chairwoman, Daisy Harper and Janet Bailey. /s/

FINANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Finance Committee, have examined the State Treasurer's report and find it to be in order. We recommend that this report along with the auditor's report be accepted. We wish to commend our treasurer, Blanche Wisehart, for the excellent job she has done, and to encourage all auxiliaries to send their reports through our state office this year.

We recommend that the following honorariums be given: State Treasurer, \$50.00; State Secretary, \$25.00; State President, \$25.00; and, Editor of Woman's Page, GEM magazine, \$25.00. Respectfully submitted-Blanche Wisehart, chairwoman, Jeannie Bowman, Mariam Wilhite, Tommie Sharry and Katie Eaton. /s/

AUDITOR'S REPORT: I have checked the books of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary, Blanche Wisehart, treasurer, on 5/31/76 and find the balances as given on the annual report for 1976 to be in accord. Respectfully submitted-Clyde H. Carroll

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: We, the Executive Committee of the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists, make the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. We recommend that we entertain the missionaries as well as special singing guests during the evening Auxiliary banquet. /s/

2. We recommend an honorarium of \$100.00 as well as the morning offering be given to the Carlisle Hanna family. /s/

3. We recommend the adoption of the Carlisle Hanna family as our 1976-77 State Foreign Missions Project with a goal of \$3,000.00. The project will be entitled, "HANNA'S HANDY HELPERS". Funds will be used to purchase the following:

Refrigerator	- \$1,000.00	(Includes transportation and customs)
Bed	- 300.00	
Moped Cycle	- 350.00	(For Rev. Hanna)
Cycles for Evangelistic Team	- 400.00	(4 @ \$100.00 each)
Accordian	- 312.00	
Bath tub	- 150.00	
Hot water Heater	- 250.00	/s/

4. We further recommend a project involving both national and state home missions, and recommend a goal of \$3,000.00 to be divided equally between the National and State Home Missions Loan Funds at the end of the fiscal year. /s/

5. We recommend that the state secretary and treasurer's reports be entered into the Digest of Reports at our next yearly meeting. /s/

6. We recommend that clothing be brought to the State Woman's Auxiliary Retreat for children

of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in
Greeneville, Tennessee. (Please see Mrs.
Francis Bowman for further information re-
garding this project.) /s/

MISSOURI STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
TREASURER'S REPORT

June 1, 1975 to April 30, 1976

Balance brought forward June 1, 1975 \$ 427.27

Amount Received:

Tithe	250.21
Representation dues	761.50
FWB Bible College, general fund	91.30
Student Loan Fund, Memorial	15.00
Student Loan Fund	515.37
Howard Filkins ('75 State Conv. offering)	179.26
Woman's Aux. Retreat, registration fees	624.00
Woman's Aux. Retreat, offering	95.52
Mo. State Home Missions, general	315.09
National Home Missions	595.73
Foreign Missions	702.70
WNAC (Emphasis \$540.11)	697.80
Co-Laborer	401.90
FBW Children's Home, Tenn.	503.61
FBW Children's Home, South Carolina	300.00
FBW Children's Home, Alabama	100.00
FBW Children's Home, Tenn. (twin sheets)	10.00
FBW Children's Home, Tenn. (Christmas gifts)	32.25
FBW Children's Home, Tenn. (Christmas treats)	57.00
Good Samaritan Boy's Ranch	128.00
'74-'75 Mo. State Project/Lynn Miley	149.26
(Memo: Project total, \$2,615.71)	
'75-'76 Mo. St. Proj./Mo. Home Mission Loan Fund	3,192.11
'75-'76 Mo. St. Proj./Fill Filkins Workshop	2,092.43
Retirement & Insurance	75.37
Youth Camp	22.50
Youth Camp, playground equipment	55.36
Hillsdale Bible College	10.50
Poplar Bluff Mission	61.25
Provision Closet	245.00
Filkins Special Mo.	187.00
FWBEC, Nashville (books for library)	16.00
Project 5000	10.00
Marla Wash, FWB Children's Home, Tenn.	60.00
Jeffrey Jacobs, FWB Children's Home, Tenn.	35.50
Jacobs Children, FWB Children's Home, Tenn.	25.00
Tim Fowler, FWB Children's Home, Tenn.	120.00
Danny Filkins, personal	3.00
Bob Carr Acct.	30.00
Tom Willey, Jr. Acct.	100.00
Howard Filkins Acct.	213.90
Howard Filkins, personal	258.50
Bill Fulcher Acct.	415.00
Dale Bishop Acct.	29.25
Vergel Maness Acct.	19.40
Tom Owens, Mo. Home Missionary	40.00
Dr. Laverne Miley Acct.	22.50
Steve Lytle Acct.	79.25
Jim McLain Acct.	42.50
Bill Adkisson, Mo. Home Missionary	30.00
Dennis Bowman, Mo. Home Missionary	20.00

Judy Bryan, personal	5.00
Butch Johns acct.	40.00
Leland Horton acct.	51.25
Mark Vandivort, Mo. Home Missionary	40.00
Jerry Pinkerton acct.	370.00

\$14,543.07

Disbursed:

WNAC - Student Loan	\$ 530.37
WNAC - Designated gifts	8,453.00
WNAC - Late dues '75 (32 members)	32.00
WNAC - Dues '76 (579 members)	579.00
Simpson's office supply, paper	19.74
Thayer News, paper	5.00
Shirley Bowden, misc.	3.64
Jo Ann Wood, postage	5.60
Kathy Lay, postage	6.24
Barbara Harwell, postage & phone calls	15.00
Frances Bowman, pledge cards	10.00
Page Printing Co., paper	15.83
WNAC, annual report forms	5.70
Holiday Inn, West Plains (missionaries)	90.00
Heritage Ins. Managers, Ins. for Retreat	18.80
Betty Camp, Cook and Food (Retreat)	418.70
Mrs. Cleo Pursell, speaker (Retreat)	200.00
Rev. Lawrence Thompson; Filkins Special Mo.	187.00
Howard Filkins, personal	243.50
(Memo: includes \$300 Danny Filkins)	
Howard Filkins, Honorarium	100.00
Sandy Smith, Honorarium	25.00
Jo Ann Wood, Honorarium	25.00
Kathy Lay, Honorarium	25.00
Blanche Wisehart, Honorarium	50.00
Doris Arnold, Youth Camp playground equip.	55.36
Rev. Chas. Miller, Youth Camp	22.50
Good Samaritan Boy's Ranch, Springfield, Mo.	128.00
'75-'76 Mo. State Proj. Loan fund, Bank of Thayer	3,192.11

Total Disbursed \$14,465.89

Total balance May 1, 1976 \$ 504.45

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 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 of 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 Ass. 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 people 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. The duties of the moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee; to call special meetings of the General Board or Executive Committee when the conditions of by-law 43 are fulfilled; to appoint such committees as are created without provision for their selection; to set the time and place for the meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee; and in general, to fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.

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) 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 (e) 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 (5) members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing Boards include the Board of Christian Education, the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School and Church Training Service Board, the Youth Camp 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.

19.) Any member of the standing board of the State Association who does not put forth any interest in or function on said board for the period of one year, shall have his office declared vacant and a new member be elected by this Association to fill his unexpired term of office.

Duties

20.) 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 except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer, agent or Board of the Association. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association report to the Association.

21.) 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.

22.) An Executive Committee, consisting of seven members of the General Board, shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and four other members to be elected annually by the General Board, 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.

23.) 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.

24.) 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.

25.) 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.

26.) 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.

27.) 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.

28.) 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.

29.) 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

30.) The Moderator shall appoint a committee on committees consisting of five members who shall appoint all committees with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year, the second, a term of two years and the third, a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with exception of General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books and serve as Budget Committee.

31.) 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

32.) 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.

33.) 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.

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

Voting

35.) 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 32 and 33, and each elected delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

36.) 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

37.) The sessions of the Association shall convene on Tuesday evening at 7:30 P.M. following the first Sunday in June each year.

38.) 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.

39.) 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.

40.) 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.

41.) 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.

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

43.) Special meetings of the General Board or the Executive Committee shall be called when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the General Board shall also be called upon the written request of one-fourth of its members. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall also be called upon the written request of a majority of its members.

44.) 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.

45.) 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

46.) 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

47.) The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of April and end on the thirty-first day of March in each year.

48.) 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.

49.) 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.

50.) 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.

51.) 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.

52.) 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.

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

Standing Rules

54.) 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.

55.) 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.

56.) All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committee, but shall any committee refuse or fail to present to this body the 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.

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

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

59.) 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.

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

61.) 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.

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

Amendments

63.) 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.

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