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Moderator	* Rev. William Evans, Kansas City, Mo
Asst. Moderator	* Rev. Dale Skiles, West Plains, Mo
Clerk	* Rev. Jim Mertz, Lebanon, Mo
Asst. Clerk	Rev. Bill VanWinkle, Berkley, Mo

THE GENERAL BOARD

Cave Springs Assoc.	Rev. Russell Johnson	1 yr. 1978
Central Western	Mr. Charlie Hoover	1 yr. 1978
Indian Creek	Rev. Cecil Campbell	1 yr. 1978
Greater Kansas City		1 yr. 1978
Laclede County	Rev. Glen Jones	1 yr. 1978
Liberty		1 yr. 1978
Southeast District Assoc.		2 yr. 1979
St. Francois Assoc.	Rev. Grant Severance	2 yr. 1979
Bootheel Assoc.	Rev. Dangil Durbin	2 yr. 1979
St. Louis Dist.	Rev. Robert Sharry	2 yr. 1979
Mission Assn.	Rev. Max Courtney	2 yr. 1979
Niangua Assn.	Rev. Frank Linton	2 yr. 1979
Northeast Missouri Assn.	Mr. Fletcher Riley	2 yr. 1979
Northwest Missouri Assn.	Rev. Vernon Maggart	2 yr. 1979

HOME MISSION BOARD

Rev. Don Lombard	5 yrs. 1982
Rev. Tom Owens	4 yrs. 1981
Rev. Cliff Bowman	3 yrs. 1980
Rev. Lawrence Thompson	2 yrs. 1979
Rev. Glen Rehkop	1 yr. 1978

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Rev. Charles Miller	5 yrs. 1982
Rev. Steve Burton	4 yrs. 1981
Rev. James Stovall	3 yrs. 1980
Rev. Ken Goff	2 yrs. 1979
Rev. Lynn Wood	1 yr. 1978

SUNDAY SCHOOL/C.T.S. BOARD

Rev. Ted Wilbanks	5 yrs. 1982
Rev. Kent Tallent	4 yrs. 1981
Mr. Richard Pointer	3 yrs. 1980
Rev. Dale Smith	2 yrs. 1979
Rev. Jerry Norris	1 yr. 1978

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon	5 yrs. 1982
Rev. Howard Bowers	4 yrs. 1981
Rev. Dennis Bowman	3 yrs. 1980
Dr. James Davis	2 yrs. 1979
Rev. Andy Lay	1 yr. 1978

N.A.E. COMMISSION

Rev. Don Lombard	Social Action Commission
Rev. Edwin Bowden	Evangelism Commission
Rev. Russell B. Spurgeon	Higher Education Commission
Rev. Andy Lay	Stewardship Commission
Rev. Clarence Burton	General Board Member

HOME FOR SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Francis, Chairman
Rev. Andy Lay
Rev. N.R. Smith
Rev. Harry Beatty
Rev. James Barker

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened with the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist Church and the Kickapoo High School of Springfield, Missouri.

The sixty-fourth session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. June 7, 1977 at the Kickapoo High School, Springfield, Missouri. Preconvention music was provided by Rev. Ted Wilbanks. The service was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Ted Wilbanks.

The session was convened by the clerk, Rev. Tom Owens. The theme of the convention being "That My House May Be Filled" Luke 14:23.

Rev. William Evans gave the moderator's message.

Rev. Ted Wilbanks pastor of the host Church gave words of greeting and officially welcomed the State Convention to the Springfield, Missouri area. The response was given by Rev. Max Courtney of Licking, Missouri. An offering for the expense of the State Convention was received. Special singing was provided by the Jones Family Singers. Rev. Stanley Jones, full time evangelist, delivered the keynote message, "Evangelize That My House May Be Filled" Luke 14:16.

At the conclusion of the message the clerk read the report of committee on committees. The session was dismissed by prayer by Rev. Dan Talbott, pastor of the Liberty Church, Phillipsburg, Missouri.

Wednesday, 9:00 A.M., June 8, 1977

Convention was convened by singing led by Rev. Ted Wilbanks. After a few moments of prayer, Rev. Jim Mertz brought the morning devotion.

The report of the Credentials Committee was presented. M/S/C to receive report and vote on item by item.

- (1) M/S/C to seat delegates of ten reporting associations.
- (2) M/S/C to receive four new associations; Southeast District Association, St. Francois Association, Bootheel Association and St. Louis District Association and seat their delegates.
- (3) M/S/C that each Association pay a representation fee to the State Association of \$5.00 per church and this fee become a part of the procedure of seating the delegates. This money would be spent for entertainment expenses and the printing of the minutes.

Moderator asked the new pastors of Missouri to stand and introduce themselves. Visitors and corresponding messengers were then recognized by the moderator.

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The report of the General Board was read. M/S/C to adopt item by item.
M/S/C to suspend General Board Report until afternoon business session.

Report of National C.T.S. department received as information.

M/S/C to adjourn for morning service until the afternoon. Dismissed
by prayer.

Wednesday, 11:00 A.M., June 8, 1977

The session opened with singing led by Rev. Ted Wilbanks. Rev.
O.D. Matthews presided over session. Special Music was supplied by host
church. Rev. Lawrence Thompson brought the message from Luke 14:21,
Isaiah 54:1-3 "Enlist That My House May Be Filled."

Announcements were made and service was dismissed by prayer.

Wednesday, 1:30 P.M., June 8, 1977

Session opened with congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Bob
Dickey brought the afternoon devotion.

Report of Executive Secretary Rev. Rufus Coffey for the National
Association of Free Will Baptists received as information.

Reading of Nursing Home Committee report. M/S/C to receive report with
added amendment that "....the Nursing Home Committee be funded up
to \$1300 from the General Board."

Report of National Retirement Board received as information.

Report of National Home Mission Board received as information.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College received as information.

M/S/C to adjourn until Thursday morning.

Wednesday Evening Service, 7:30 P.M.

Preconvention music was provided by the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist
Church Choir. Rev. Ted Wilbanks led the congregational singing.
Rev. Glenn Campbell presided over the evening service.

Special Music was provided by the Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist
Church Choir. An offering was taken. The message was brought by
Foreign missionary Rev. Bobby Poole "Expand That My House May Be
Filled" Luke 14:22,23, Luke 24:47. A prayer was offered and the
service was dismissed.

Thursday Morning, June 9, 1977

Session was opened by congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Robert Sharry of Festus, Missouri brought the morning devotion.

M/S/C to receive report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. Clarence Burton with accepted changes in budget.

Report of National Sunday School Department as information. Jim Lauthern.

M/S/C to receive report of Missouri State Home Mission Board and adopt the budget. Lawrence Thompson.

M/S/C to receive report of Missouri State Sunday School/CTS Board and adopt the budget with changes in budget. Kent Tallent.

Report of National Foreign Mission Board for information. Rolla Smith.

M/S/C to receive report of Missouri State Youth Camp Board with Commendation and budget with changes made adopted. Lynn Wood.

Report of Hillsdale Bible College received as information. James Amick.

Report of National Laymen's Board received as information. Don Elkins.

Report of World Vision International received as information. Malcolm F. Endaleley.

M/S/C to adjourn until afternoon session. Dismissed by prayer.

Thursday Morning, June 9, 1977

The service was opened by congregational singing led by Rev. Ted Wilbanks. Special music by host church. Message brought by Rev. Don Lombard "Establish That My House May Be Filled" Luke 14:17, Psalms 90:17. Service dismissed by prayer.

Thursday Afternoon, June 9, 1977

Session reconvened with congregational singing. Rev. William Evans brought afternoon devotion.

Report of Hillsdale Bible College. James Amick.

Layman's Board report of Don Elkins, board member.

World Vision International report. Malcolm F. Endaleley.

Adjourned for afternoon session.

Session reconvened 1:30 p.m. Devotion by Bro. Evans.

M/S/C to receive report by Lebanon Bible and Bookstore and budget adopted.

M/S/C to receive report of Christina Education Board and adopt budget.

Report of Women's Auxiliary by Mrs. Blanche Wisheart.

M/S/C to receive Obituary Committee report and a moment of silence and prayer in remembrance of deceased.

M/S/C to receive report of Placement Committee Report says that we have services in the air conditioned auditorium and Flat River Fieldhouse upon the invitation of the St. Francois Association, setting aside the Placement Committee guidelines for next year.

M/S/C to receive report and adopt item by item.

M/S/C to adjourn convention.

Proposed Budget For
April 1, 1977-March 31, 1978

We, the Budget Committee recommend that the following be allocated as follows:

Proposed Budget.....		\$130,000
State Budget	52%	67,600
Mo. State Home Missions	20%	26,000
Promotional Department	16.25%	21,125
General Fund	4.50%	5,850
Youth Camp	5.25%	6,825
Christian Education Bd.	2.00%	2,600
F.W.B. Gen	2.00%	2,600
S.S. And C.T.S. Bd.	2.00%	<u>2,600</u>
		67,600
Outside Giving	48.00%	62,400
Foreign Missions	13.00%	16,900
F.W.B.B.C.	9.00%	11,700
Executive Department	7.00%	9,100
Hillsdale F.W.B. College	7.00%	9,100
National Home Missions	6.50%	8,450
C.T.S. Department	2.50%	3,250
Retirement and Insurance	2.50%	3,250
Theo. Lib. Board	.25%	325
Laymen's Board	.25%	<u>325</u>
		\$62,400

We recommend the budget of the State Boards with the above changes.

Respectively Submitted,

N.R. Smith

Robert Sharry

Joe B. Braddy

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE HAVE MET AND

PRESENT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 1

WHEREAS: The ministers of the Missouri State Association have no retirement plan or hospital plan sponsored by the Local, District or State Association. M/S/C

Be it resolved that an in-depth study as to the feasibility of such a program, sponsored by the State Association. The General Board will look into this.

RESOLUTION # 2

WHEREAS: Church reports from Associations within our state that meets after our state meeting are at least two (2) years old, by the time they arrive at the National Association. M/S/C

Be it resolved that a study be made as to how these churches reports can be more current.

RESOLUTION # 3

WHEREAS: We live in a time of permissiveness morally, mentally, physically and spiritually is evident in the behavior of our society daily. Sin is paraded as liberty; perversion as human rights; while godliness is labeled as bigotry and ignorance.

WHEREAS: One area of focus at this time is the thrust of the "gay" community to force themselves into our community, church and school life.

WHEREAS: Anita Bryant has taken a leadership position to oppose such an infringement in "our" rights.

HEREBY: Be it resolved, that the Missouri State Association go on to record as commending her for her stand against the "gay" movement.

Be it further resolved that our Moderator be instructed to send a telegram of congratulations to Anita Bryant on the victory at the pools in Dade County, Florida on June 7, 1977 and to offer her our assistance if and when she comes to Missouri to support her "Save Our Children" campaign. The State director of the Gem to include these resolutions in the "Gem".

RESOLUTION # 4

As a matter of information, be it resolved that the churches in Missouri be made aware of the fact that the Columbia Metropolitan Community Church is an organization of homosexuals, and that there are other groups engaged in similar activities with similar names. M/S/C

RESOLUTION # 5 (Resolution on Charismatic Movement)

WHEREAS: There is no clearcut statement in our Treatise regarding our position on spiritual gifts.

AND WHEREAS: The charismatic movement is infiltrating and bringing division in many of our churches.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That we adopt the following statement as our position on this subject:

Because of numerous denominational beliefs, we are frequently asked what we as a church believe the Bible to teach in regard to spiritual gifts and ministries. In response to this, the Missouri State Association takes this opportunity to share what Free Will Baptists have believed for 250 years, and the body of truth we embrace and teach. We believe the Bible teaches:

(1) The Holy Scriptures stand alone as the life-giving Word of God, pointing us to Jesus Christ, the crucified, resurrected and coming again Son of God. Thus, we gladly affirm our belief in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written Word of God, without error and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We also affirm the power of God's Word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. The message of the Bible is addressed to all mankind, for God's revelation in Christ and in Scripture is unchangeable.

(2) Jesus Christ was eternally with the Father from the beginning, was Creator and is Sustainer of the world. That He voluntarily submitted Himself to the Father's will to become the "Lamb of God" to redeem mankind, even before the creation. That He was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, was born and lived a sinless life for approximately 33 years, died on a cross outside Jerusalem to pay the debt of sin for man, was buried, rose from the grave on the third day, appeared to numerous disciples on various occasions, and after forty (40) days ascended to the Father. He will come again in literal bodily form.

(3) The Holy Spirit is equal with God the Father and God the Son. That these three - the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - are one God; each with particular works to accomplish in keeping with the character of God. We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at the same moment we receive Christ as Savior and Lord; God sets us apart for Himself and makes us His Holy temple, and the Holy Spirit comes to indwell the temple. At the time of our confession, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into union with Christ - places us in the body as the member that pleases Him, and gives us the gifts to fulfill our position in the body.

There are at least fifteen (15) gifts listed in Scriptures. Eleven (11) of these are service gifts and are for the fulfilling of the work of the church until Jesus comes. Six (6) of these eleven (11) are non verbal gifts - we don't hear much about these, for they don't call attention to themselves, though they are offer a powerful means of communication through action. They Are:

- (1) The Gift of Service (Romans 12:7)
- (2) The Gift of Giving (Romans 12:8)
- (3) The Gift of Leadership (Romans 12:8)
- (4) The Gift of Helping Others in distress (Romans 12:8)
- (5) The Gift of Faith (I Cor. 12:9)
- (6) The Gift of Distinguishing True Spirits from False (I Cor. 12:10)

The verbal service gifts are:

- (1) The Gift of Prophecy (which is speaking God's revelation, complete in Bible) (I Cor. 12:10)
- (2) The Gift of Teaching (Romans 12:7)
- (3) The Gift of Wise Speech (I Cor. 12:8)
- (4) The Gift of Putting Deepest Knowledge Into Words (I Cor. 12:8)
- (5) The Gift of Stirring Speech (Romans 12:8)

Then there were the sign gifts. They were the gifts of Miracles, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Healing. The Bible teaches that these sign gifts were given to confirm His presence and power in the apostolic group to the unbelieving world. Because of their visibility they were called "sign gifts." They attracted attention to themselves. With the completion of the Bible and God's confirmation of His presence in the early church, the purpose for these gifts ceased, and thus they ceased. Many people today in their desire for the visible, rather than walking by faith, have cried out "Give us a sign," forgetting that God has given His FINAL REVELATION in Jesus Christ.

We agree completely that God does, at times, intervene and supercede known natural laws and perform a "miracle." We agree that God does, at times, heal without human intervention, and we rejoice with Him at those times.

Therefore, when God intervenes and performs acts that are considered a miracle, or chooses to heal without human intervention, it is not the "sign gifts" as was given to the apostolic church, but rather it is the touch of a loving, Heavenly Father who chooses in His sovereignty to grant blessings.

The Bible does not teach that it is the will of God for all to be healed as a part of the Atonement.

An area of grave confusion in today's churches is that of Tongues. In I Cor. 13:8 Paul tells us that tongues will cease. By "tongues" we mean that people were speaking known languages which they had never studied or learned previously. The gift was a sign of judgment to the Jewish nation that God had turned from them to form a Gentile church. With the rejection of Jesus Christ and His followers by the Jewish nation, and the destruction of Jerusalem by the armies of Titus, the purpose for this gift was ended. Whatever may be the source of the tongues movement today, it is also working in cults, hinduism, and voodoo priests. Paul warned the Corinthians not to be carried away as they had in the past by dumb idols.

The Bible teaches that when the purpose for the sign gifts was fulfilled, those gifts ceased from God and the others continued, to enable the church to carry out her mission.

This Statement of Faith and Practice is not given for purpose of argument or debate - nor is it in any way intended to be a thorough theological paper. Its intent is to convey in every day layman's language what we as Free Will Baptists believe, and will continue to be taught in our churches and preached from our pulpits.

In no way are we insinuating that people who do not agree with this doctrinal statement are not Christians, nor that they are insincere believers.

The scriptures tell us that His gifts are given to unify believers and for the work of the church. Thus, if division and contention in His church are the result of spiritual works, there should be close examination, for the Spirit of God does not bring upheaval and strife among His people.

This statement is not to be understood as being an addition to our National Treatise or in conflict to its statement.

RESOLUTION # 6

Be it resolved that the Missouri State Association express our appreciation to the Grant Avenue Church, its pastor and staff, the Free Will Baptist Churches of Springfield for their gracious hosting of this se-sion of Missouri State Association.

RESOLUTION # 7

Be it resolved that a standing vote of appreciation be made to the officers of the state for their find leadership this year working without assistants.

M/S/C to adopt the Resolution Committee Report.

Lynn Wood, Chairman
Jim Mertz Don Lombard
Lawrence Thompson Guy Leonard

GENERAL BOARD REPORT

The General Board met twice during the past year: June 10, 1976 at the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at Bridgeton, MO., and November 1, 1976 at Lebanon, Missouri.

The Executive Board met December 10, 1976 at Lebanon. A quorum was present at each meeting and the following business was transacted by the board and the Executive Committee.

M/S/C to adopt first six.

1. Elected the following men to the Executive Committee:

Rev. Jim McAllister, Rev. Cliff Bowman, Rev. Max Courtney, and Rev. Andy Lay.

2. M/S/C to take a sum of \$5,000 more or less from the General Fund and place in an interest bearing contingency fund. Motion was tabled until November General Board meeting where it passed.

3. Nominations for an Auditing Committee were given:

Rev. N.R. Smith was nominated for (1) one year. Rev. Robert Sharry for a (2) two year term and Rev. Joe B. Braddy was elected for a (3) three year term.

M/S/C to elect by acclamation.

4. Letter of resignation from Rev. Roger Harwell was read.

A motion was made to send letter of commendation. M/S/C.

5. Motion was made and carried to have Rev. Burton to arrange facilities in Springfield, Missouri for the State Meeting if possible. M/S/C

6. State Program was planned at December 10, 1976 Executive Committee meeting.

7. Report of Bookstore M/S/C to receive report with commendation. Motion made that included in the General Board minutes that we have satisfied the National Sunday School Department in our contractual agreement. S/C

8. The General Board received a report from a representative of the Preferred Risk Insurance Company of West Des Moines, Iowa concerning a church group insurance. Motion and seconded that the State Association present the Preferred Risk Insurance proposal for the consideration of our churches but we are not recommending it. M/S/C to table.

9. Motion to endorse National Association of Evangelicals fund raising program and to adopt a goal of \$1,000 gift by the State Association toward building a new NAE office building by the State of Missouri. M/S/C

10. Report of Budget Committee. Motion and second to adopt budget as amended by substitution. Carried. Amend by substitution to take the 1% allocated to the Nursing Home Committee in the budget report and give it to the General fund. M/S/C.

11. Motion that State Association officers along with the Promotional Secretary meet with representative of Free Will Baptist College while the state is in session concerning the completion of Missouri project at the Bible College. M/S/C. We are in favor of the completion of the project and that each Pastor should answer Dr. Johnson's letter favorably with a church commitment. The Moderator should make a photostatic copy of Dr. Johnson's letter and with a personal comment send a copy of the letter to all Pastors. AM/S/C.

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. Tom Owens, Clerk

NURSING HOME COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: The General Board

We, the Nursing Home Committee recommend:

1. That our committee be retained for another year for further study of the issue.
2. That we be given another committee member to replace Rev. Bob Francis who is moving from the state.
3. That we be funded sufficiently to allow a detailed survey and follow up to be done by our own people.
4. That we (not) enter into contract with the Med/Fac Corporation for a feasibility study at this time.

Bob Francis, chairman

Andy Lay, secretary

N.R. Smith

Harry Beatty

James Barker

Clarence Vurton, ex. official

NOTE: The committee intends to be ready to report the results of the survey in the November General Board meeting.

Motion to amend by addition the NHC be funded up to 1300 from the General Fund. M/S/C

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

1. We, your credential committee, recommend that we receive all of our Associations and seat their delegates.

We recommend that the ten reporting associations: Cave Springs, Laclede County, Liberty, Indian Creek, Mission, Greater Kansas City, Niangua, Central Western, Northwest, and Northeast.

2. We recommend that the following Associations and their delegates, be seated with all the rights and privileges as a recognized association, and accepted into the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists: Southeast Yearly Ass., St. Louis Ass., Bootheel Ass., St. Francois Assc.
3. We suggest all churches within the Associations submit five dollar per church this following year.

G.J. Pingleton

Grant Saverone

Steve Burton

Russell Johnson

Ken Dodson

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

We have examined the records of the Youth Camp Board, Sunday School and CTS Board, Free Will Baptist Gem, State Promotional Secretary, Lebanon Book Store, Missouri State Home Missions Board, and Christian Education Board.

In our opinion, the records present fairly the financial position of each of these boards as of March 31, 1977.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. We recommend that the GEM records be included into the Promotional Department records.
2. Need rec. budget for coop. disbursements for 1977-78.

Auditing Committee

N.R. Smith

Joe Brady

Robert Sharpy

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

June 1977

TO: Missouri State Association

Greetings from the National Layman's Board. We are happy to report that our layman's work continues to grow at a steady pace. Of course, the real changes are visible to churches which are actively involved in the Lord's work.

Projects Book Shelf and Tool Shed continue to involve our laymen in supplying the needed tools and books to our missionaries. The response from the chapters to these projects has been tremendous. The missionaries are most grateful.

We solicit your cooperation in selecting a layman from your state to serve as State Senator for Master's Men. Guidelines and other materials will be mailed to the layman selected upon receipt of his name and address. We recommend that the position be a three-year appointment.

Our goals for 1977 are:

1. Continue process of spiritual development of laymen.
2. Increase number of local chapters.
3. Establish Master's Men chapters in each state.
4. Involve local chapters in Projects Book Shelf and Tool Shed.

In 1975 we had 131 chapters chartered with our national office. In 1976 we had 151. We now have 119 chapters with a total of 1605 members. Missouri had 4 chapters in 1975, 5 in 1976, and now 6 in 1977 that are chartered with our national office. We look for this number to increase.

The National Layman's Board deeply appreciates your support of our work. Please continue to pray for us.

Yours in The Master's Service,

LOYD C. OLSAN
General Director

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We the Placement Committee feel that under the set guide lines of "A 500 seating compacity, air conditioned auditorium," since no invitation from St. Louis or Springfield was received and due to Kansas City Area having the National in 1978, we wish not to place a double burden on Kansas City. Therefore, we leave the choice to the body. If the body wishes to set the guide lines aside we have received an invitation from St. Francois District Association.

We recommend that we accept that invitation air conditioned auditoriums are available for day services, but would use the Flat River Field house with exhaust fan cooling at night.

Cletus Nichols

Archie Parrish

Clarence Burton

OBITUARY LIST OF THE CAVE SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

It has pleased the "FATHER" to call from labor to their Heavenly reward since our last yearly meeting the following Brother's and Sister's.

Zella Hackworth

Mary Harper

Orna Dunkin

Ray Risner

Paul Edgar Watson

Goldie Dunkin

Clarence Benjamin

Sudie Ramsey

Arrie E. Oliver

Rasie Ellen Andrews

Ray Woodrow Bell

Sarah Allice Johnson

Herman Wetzel

Ethel Harris

Frank Taylor

Dale Williams

Davis Honeycutt (Clerk of Assoc.)
Thayer, Mo.

OBITUARY REPORT

We rejoice in the promotion to glory of some of our members during this past year. Though we sorrow at their absence from among us, it is not a sorrowing as those who have no hope. We believe that their absence from the body means their presence with the Lord. In that we rejoice.

Among those taken from our churches this past year are;
Nellie Stegall, Alma Poole, Ruth Caldwell, Harold Baldwin, Alvie W. Denton, Rev. John D. Long, Rev. Don Grindstaff, Alberta Seabaugh, Goldie Smith, Joe Winch, Edna Reeves, Effie Doris, Pearl Gibbons, Bill Powell, Ada Brendlinger, Lois Price, Margie Linze, John Lynch, Debbie Taylor, Howard Hartman, Rev. O.T. Allred, Rodney Turner, Mrs. Henry Gaetz, Augusta Derrington, Charley Gray, Wilburn Taylor, Gordon Boyer, Jonah Stockton, Lewis Jorgenson, Alma Davis, Rev. Harry Sterling, Ora Bea Francis, Elmer Schneider, Bob Brown, Emma Bebout, Kenneth R. Fix, Bud Amsden, Paul Johnson, Frank Byington, Sylvia Sevits, Nolan Thomas, Noah Hudson, Frank Chandler, Earl Stewart, Verble Martin, Howard Hughey, Troy Henderson, Denver Inmon, Albert Lawson, Kent Pendergrass, Kay Pendergrass, Jessie Whitley, Harry Cadell, John Smiley, Katherin Harper, Fred Wolf, Marzzie Smith, Wayne Smith.

Plus others whose names were not available at the time of our deliberations. We ask that the association clerks send a list of their deceased to the state clerk for inclusion in the minutes.

We recommend the following:

- (1) That our people and churches consider using the National Home Mission Board's Living Memorial gifts in addition to, or in lieu of flowers being sent to bereaved families.
- (2) That Associational clerks be again encouraged to include in their reports to the state, the names of the members of Free Will Baptist churches in their associations who have deceased during the past year.
- (3) That we stand and be led in a prayer of thanksgiving in memory of our departed loved ones.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Andy Lay, chairman
Rev. Harry Beatty
Rev. Robert Francis
Bernice Cantrell
Cleo Leonard

General Fund Report
TO THE BRETHREN OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
From Free Will Baptist Bible College

Dear Missouri Friends:

In a day when it is increasingly difficult to find a college that upholds Christian standards of morality, your Free Will Baptist Bible College continues to grow in the interest of our people. This report affords an opportunity to thank you for what you have done and to praise God for this provision for daily needs through you.

In May, 1977, 92 students finished their training at Free Will Baptist Bible College. There were 56,345 tracts distributed during the year by students in practical work groups. These students dealt with 13,699 persons; of which 1,267 were saved; and 1,777 made other decisions. Free Will Baptist Bible College still emphasizes soul winning—perhaps now more than ever before.

The "Stack the Racks" program sponsored by the National Youth of C.T.S. has amounted to \$6,519.77. This will purchase approximately 650 volumes, bringing the library volumes to a total of 27,410. Our library is comfortably housed and affords a quite place for study and research for the students. During this year, we have added 80 books to the Historical Collection; 176 books to the Curriculum Laboratory; and 1,461 books to the regular library.

The following is a resume of the past five years' giving from all our people:

<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
\$248,470.68	\$257,167.22	\$297,231.15	\$314,667.87	\$350,000.00
				(Apr Estimate)

Missouri's gifts to the General Fund during the past five years were:

<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
\$16,883.14	\$11,753.13	\$12,994.03	\$14,149.54	\$18,928.97
				(April)

Missouri Free Will Baptists are being asked to give \$22,000 during the coming year June, 1977 - May, 1978. This means your people will need to give \$1,833.33 per month to meet the suggested quota.

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

We are all reminded that God has built Free Will Baptist Bible College through sacrificial giving and dedicated workers. It will continue to grow as we commit ourselves more and more to the task that lies before us. It means much to know that the people of this association stand with Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Ketteman
Director of Public Relations

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REGISTRATION REPORT

1976-77

Enrollment.	First Semester.	544
Additional Enrollment.	Second Semester.	58
Total Enrollment.	First & Second Semesters.	602
Summer 1976 Enrollment Not Already Counted.		17
Total Yearly Enrollment, 1976-77.		619

BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL ENROLLMENT:

Alabama.	44	Kansas	1	Pennsylvania	1
Arizona.	1	Kentucky	11	South Carolina	24
Arkansas.	18	Maine	1	Tennessee	109
California	5	Maryland	4	Texas	12
Florida	28	Michigan	30	Virginia	28
Georgia	27	Mississippi	18	West Virginia	16
Hawaii	6	Missouri	17	Wyoming	4
Illinois	28	North Carolina	128	Foreign	6
Indiana	20	Ohio	26		
Iowa	2	Oklahoma	4		

Male	349	Ministerial	188
Female	270	Missionary	36
New	225	Single	418
Returning	394	Married	201

Free Will Baptist 600
Other 19

Freshmen	214	Juniors	111
Sophomores	152	Seniors	81

Special Students 61

TOTAL ENROLLMENTS FROM 1966-1977

'65-'66	354	'69-'70	480	'73-'74	637
'66-'67	430	'70-'71	471	'74-'75	614
'67-'68	467	'71-'72	534	'75-'76	615
'68-'69	456	'72-'73	595	'76-'77	619

REPORT ON GENERAL FUND GIFTS BY STATES
JUNE, 1976 - APRIL, 1977

STATES	1976-77 Quota	% of Quota Given by Apr 30, 1977	Gifts June, 1975 Apr, 1976	Gifts June, 1976 Apr, 1977	Increase or Decrease
*Alabama	\$ 25,000.00	118%	\$ 21,770.87	\$ 29,409.80	\$ 7,638.93
Arizona	1,200.00	53%	989.53	638.42	(351.11)
Arkansas	11,000.00	91%	9,767.98	9,971.96	203.98
*California	3,500.00	104%	1,151.50	3,642.66	2,491.16
Colorado	900.00	58%	704.07	520.65	(183.42)
Florida	15,000.00	94%	11,794.85	14,087.09	2,292.24
Georgia	26,000.00	99%	22,026.90	25,619.68	3,592.78
*Hawaii	300.00	100%	250.00	300.00	50.00
Idaho	300.00	61%	180.26	183.40	3.14
Illinois	12,000.00	99%	9,635.55	11,885.95	2,250.40
Indiana	5,000.00	41%	4,464.09	2,034.31	(2,429.78)
*Iowa	400.00	150%	322.95	601.03	278.08
*Kansas	1,000.00	101%	901.39	1,012.65	111.26
Kentucky	11,000.00	98%	9,875.52	10,822.95	947.43
Maryland	950.00	29%	136.99	275.89	138.90
Michigan	14,000.00	78%	10,246.75	10,882.49	635.74
Mississippi	14,000.00	92%	13,302.64	12,917.12	(385.52)
*Missouri	16,000.00	118%	13,028.69	18,928.97	5,900.28
New Hampshire	100.00	0%	76.15	-0-	(76.15)
New Mexico	200.00	77%	144.53	153.88	9.35
*North Carolina	44,000.00	110%	39,391.81	48,602.17	9,210.36
Ohio	12,000.00	71%	10,064.26	8,497.35	(1,566.91)
Oklahoma	16,000.00	69%	12,131.92	11,014.85	(1,117.07)
South Carolina	25,500.00	85%	21,614.35	21,761.42	147.07
Tennessee	46,000.00	80%	37,014.14	36,765.32	(248.82)
Texas	8,000.00	63%	3,745.11	5,048.27	1,303.16
Virginia	13,000.00	77%	11,748.53	10,010.23	(1,738.30)
*Washington	400.00	115%	333.22	460.09	126.87
West Virginia	8,500.00	84%	7,922.50	7,126.35	(796.15)
Wyoming	1,000.00	74%	101.50	739.34	637.84
WVAC	2,500.00	33%	1,070.50	830.93	(239.57)
Other Gifts	15,250.00	98%	13,630.61	14,966.45	1,335.84
TOTALS	\$350,000.00	91%	\$289,539.66	\$319,711.67	\$30,172.01

Your state should have given 91 2/3% to be on schedule.
General Fund gifts for April, 1977, were \$31,910.01.
Last year's April gifts were \$28,166.42

*Congratulations to the states that exceeded their goals.

1976-77 MISSOURI STUDENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Church</u>
Gary Dale Adkisson	Cape Girardeau	First
Kenneth Bailey	Viburnum	Viburnum
Susan Combs	Couch	Garfield
Kenneth Dodson	Elvins	Hurricaneville
John England	Thayer	Pleasant Hill
Richard Lee Greenup	Columbia	Columbia
Wayne Hale	Flat River	Fellowship
Alvin Glenn Hook	Kansas City	First
Cynthia Hook	Kansas City	First
Ken Humphrey	Springfield	S. Fremont
Vernon E. Long	Festus	Bethel
Dave McGowan	Mountain Grove	Willow Springs
Janice Miller	De Soto	First
Donnie Moss	De Soto	First
Mark Tallent	St. Louis	South Side
Jeffrey Trumbough	Viburnum	Viburnum
Jacqueline Sue Vancil	St. Louis	Fourth

Report Of The Promotional Secretary

Greetings in the Name of our Lord;

May I say with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad." I am glad that I know Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and I am thankful for that which He has done in enabling the Missouri State Association to meet and exceed the budget for cooperative giving. The goal was \$120,000. The Lord blessed with \$127,564.13. As a result of this, the Lord's work has benefited throughout our denomination. This was made possible because pastors and churches responded to this challenge and need.

Let me thank every pastor and every church that has shared in this equitable way to support the Lord's work. May the Lord bless your concern in spreading the gospel message at home and abroad. It could be said of some churches in Missouri as it was said of the churches in Macedonia—they abounded in the grace of giving.

May I encourage every church to share in cooperative giving. Let us do together what we can not do individually. My prayer is that every pastor will make a serious effort to lead the church in supporting this unified plan. It has been said to me, and it seems valid to me, "Can a church fail to do what it is teaching it's members to do?"

A great big thanks to everyone who has been so kind and hospitable. Everywhere I go and the many trips Vivian shares with me, we have always been extended such warm and thoughtful consideration. May the Lord bless for every act of kindness!

Now lets look forward to a great year! Let us trust the Lord for every need and believe that He will provide. He has and I know that He will. I pray that we shall see a harvest of souls and that we will reflect our love to the Lord by giving to send the gospel of Jesus Christ at home and the uttermost part of the earth.

Please continue to remember this ministry in prayer.

In Christ,

Clarence Burton

Cooperative Disbursements...April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977			
20.00%	Missouri State Home Missions....	\$25,512.73	
16.25%	Promotional Department.....	20,729.04	
4.00%	General Fund.....	5,102.52	
5.50%	Youth Camp.....	7,016.02	
2.00%	Christina Board of Education-MBI	2,551.32	
2.50%	Free Will Baptist Gem.....	3,189.06	
1.75%	Sunday School and CTS.....	2,232.37	\$66,333.06
13.00%	Foreign Missions.....	16,583.29	
9.00%	Free Will Baptist Bible College	11,480.77	
7.00%	Executive Department.....	8,929.44	
6.50%	National Home Missions.....	8,291.63	
2.50%	National CTS.....	3,189.06	
2.50%	Retirement and Insurance.....	3,189.06	
.25%	Layman's Board.....	318.89	
.25%	Theological Commission.....	318.89	\$52,301.03
7.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College	8,930.04	
Total Disbursed			\$127,564.13

COOPERATIVE GIVING BY INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Alton-----	\$ 745.40	Marshfield-----	\$1,137.75
Aulsbury Chapel----	1,016.77	Merls' Chapel----	572.02
Bailey Chapel-----	353.00	Mill Creek-----	803.76
Beacon-----	2,108.81	Mine La Motte-----	266.31
Belton-----	1,785.00	Monett,First-----	3,234.40
Berean-----	1,083.00	Mtn Grove,First---	4,996.41
Berkeley-----	4,820.76	Mtn. Valley-----	721.11
Bethel-----	2,072.12	Mt. Pisgah-----	131.00
Black Oak-----	120.00	Mt. Vernon-----	60.31
Buffalo-----	1,174.78	Myrtle-----	1,032.53
Byrd-----	229.88	New Harmony SS----	70.17
Cabool-----	1,198.33	New Home,Falcon---	65.00
Calvary Conway-----	1,560.00	New Life,Licking--	261.00
Calvary Fellowship--	1,155.97	New Rock Springs--	643.50
Cape Girardeau-----	1,955.97	No. East Assn.----	66.50
Cartersville-----	298.37	Norman-----	26.00
Central-----	2,090.00	Number One-----	446.03
Columbia-----	1,590.76	Oak Hill Union----	2,018.59
Community-----	292.61	O'Fallon-----	971.74
Copper Mines-----	1,245.00	Old Bethel-----	102.00
Cuba-----	624.38	Olivet-----	2,010.00
DeSoto-----	5,890.00	Oskaloosa-----	375.82
ElDorado Springs,First	50.00	Parkview-----	600.00
Evangel-----	631.04	Pleasant Hill-----	60.00
Faith-----	1,686.63	Pleasant Home-----	476.99
Farmington-----	8,247.94	Pleasant Grove Cope	284.13
Fellowship-----	600.00	Pleasant Grove-----	100.00
Flat River, First--	4,494.91	Pleasant Ridge-----	291.15
Fourth-----	4,054.03	Poplar Bluff-----	63.10
Fredericktown, First	2,466.41	Purdy-----	958.56
Freedon,St. Charles	204.51	Richwoods-----	472.97
Freeman Chapel-----	778.82	Rock Chapel-----	344.19
Gateway-----	680.50	Rolla-----	11.65
Gospel Light-----	62.52	Salem-----	150.00
Grace-----	6,665.80	Sedalia Mission---	606.80
Granby-----	423.68	Shiloh-----	28.67
Grant Avenue-----	4,052.62	Shell Knob-----	214.82
Hannon-----	1,835.50	Sikeston-----	73.53
Happy Home-----	380.17	South Side-----	4,135.15
Hartville-----	389.09	Thayer-----	1,586.63
Hickory Grove-----	250.25	Trinity-----	1,300.00
Hopewell-----	936.66	Twin Oaks-----	1,000.00
Houston-----	1,034.58	Union-----	240.00
Hurryville-----	1,048.72	Union Grove-----	686.00
Jones Chapel-----	262.36	Union Light-----	181.97
Joplin-----	1,290.64	Verdella-----	1,244.18
Kansas City,First--	809.62	Viburnum-----	312.56
Kingsway-----	214.25	Walnut Grove-----	594.08
Kirksville-----	325.00	Waynesville-----	1,095.03
Leadington-----	2,491.28	West Plains,First--	3,288.15
Lebanon,First-----	4,000.00	Willow Springs---	2,024.41
Liberty-----	397.00		
Low Ground-----	25.00	Total Cooperative Receipts	
Macedonia Ind. Crk.	105.00		\$127,564.13
Macedonia SS-----	139.80		
Malden-----	682.22		

DESIGNATED MONIES
RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Free Will Baptist Children's Home Greenville, TN	\$ 58.66
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp-----	590.00
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College-----	3,280.52
Free Will Baptist Bible College-----	1,005.00
Master's Men-----	10.00

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

General Fund-----	\$ 514.47
Poplar Bluff-----	488.00
Tom Owens-----	266.00
Dale Smith-----	458.00
Perpetual Loan Fund-----	100.00
Total-----	<u>\$1,786.47</u>

NATIONAL HOME MISSION & CHURCH

General Fund-----	\$ 341.08
Bob Francis-----	30.00
Leland Horton-----	485.00
Larry Powell-----	214.06
Mark Vandivort-----	652.00
Vergel Maness-----	346.50
Larry Russell-----	2.00
Bob Carr-----	52.00
McCoy-----	4.00
Jesse Dunn-----	30.00
C. Harris-----	350.00
Total-----	<u>\$2,506.64</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS

General Fund-----	\$3,358.63
Mike Cousineau-----	379.96
Crowson-----	367.45
Lynn Miley-----	294.25
John Rhodes-----	124.05
Filkins Workshop-----	50.00
Howard Filkins-----	1,930.43
Dale Bishop-----	300.95
Larry Inscocoe-----	46.50
Dr. LaVerne Miley-----	413.23
Jim McLain-----	334.58
Call-A-Thon-----	460.00
Clint Morgan-----	879.50
Bobby Poole-----	240.00
Mabel Willey-----	220.00
Lonnie Sparks-----	126.25
Tom Willey-----	455.00
Archie Mayhew-----	218.46
Dennis Teague-----	74.30
Carlisle Hanna-----	288.00
Steve Lytle-----	121.93
Ernie Deeds-----	30.00
Charlotte Tallent-----	362.00
Fred Hersey-----	95.82
Sam Wilkinson-----	484.66
Eddie Payne-----	10.00

DESIGNATED MONIES
RECEIVED AND DISBURSED
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Bill Fulcher.....	\$ 119.25
Joe Haas.....	221.42
Jerry Pinkerton.....	2,995.41
Lonnie Palmer.....	1,105.00
Jerry Banks.....	20.00
Patsy Van Hook.....	20.00
TOTAL.....	\$16,162.03

Tommie Carlson..... 49.00

Total Designated - Received and Disbursed.....\$25,488.32

INFORMATION: List of contributors to Special Fund,
National Association 1978. List includes
only as of March 31, 1977.

Indian Creek Assn.	Central Western	St. Louis District
Joplin.....\$136.00	\$45.00	Berkeley.....\$45.00
Purdy..... 50.00		
Macedonia.... 101.00		
Jones Chapel. 126.00		
Mt. Vernon... 15.00		
Pleasant Grove 20.00		

Total.....\$538.00
(Shown in General Fund Receipts and
Disbursements.)

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Balance forwarded.....\$ 7,440.71

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Receipts.....\$20,729.04
Gifts to Promotional Department.... 114.15
Receipts for National Directories.. 117.50

Total Receipts.....\$20,960.69

Total Receipts plus Balance forwarded..... 28,401.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary.....\$ 9,595.00
Travel..... 2,244.00
Rent to Lebanon Bible Book Store... 600.00
Telephone..... 486.14
Office Equipment - Repair..... 52.25
National Directories..... 135.00
Expense to MO State & National Assoc. 375.00
Social Security..... 465.00
Housing & Utilities..... 3,000.00
Retirement & Insurance..... 912.00
Registration Fee for Annual Leadership
conference and Inc. Fee State of MO 36.00
Christmas Gift..... 200.00
United Savings..... 5,000.00

Total Disbursements.....\$23,100.39

Balance.....\$ 5,301.01

Deposit with United Savings.....\$ 5,000.00

Total Balance.....\$10,301.01

Re-Cap of All Monies

Promotional Department	Received	Disbursed	Balance
including balance forwarded	\$28,401.40	\$23,100.39	\$5,301.01

General Fund			
including balance forwarded	\$ 8,429.79	\$ 5,505.19	\$2,924.60
Total-----			\$8,225.61

Deposited with United Savings-----	\$6,000.00
Interest	\$ 52.44

Total-----	\$14,278.05
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Balance Sheet

Cash in all accounts	\$14,278.05
Office Equipment	375.00
Liabilities	-0-
Total Assets	\$14,653.05

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR GENERAL FUND
April 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978

Cash on Hand-----	\$2,924.60
Cooperative Receipts-----	\$5,200.00
Money for Minutes-----	275.00
Offering, State Mtg. (Tues. Evening)-	175.00

Total-----\$8,574.60

Proposed Disbursements:

Auditing Committee-----	\$ 150.00
State Program and Badges-----	250.00
General Board Travel-----	500.00
Honorarium-----	300.00
Delegates Fee to National Assoc.---	250.00
Clerks Salary-----	500.00
State Minutes-----	475.00
Executive committee Travel-----	275.00
Promotional Secretary to N.A.E.---	150.00
Telephone and Postage-----	85.00
Binding Digest Reports & Printing Covers----	125.00
N.A.E. Delegates Fee-----	275.00
N.A.E. Representation Fee-----	425.00
Office Supplies-----	185.00
Xerox, State Inc. Fee - repair -	
Office Equip.-----	60.00
Miscellaneous-----	100.00
Office Equipment-Typewriter & Desk-	600.00
Senior Citizens Committee-----	250.00

Total Disbursements-----\$4,955.00

Working Balance-----\$3,619.60

Total-----\$8,574.60

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
April 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978

Cash on Hand-----	\$5,301.01
Cooperative Receipts-----	\$21,125.00
Gifts to Promotional Department----	150.00

Total-----\$26,576.01

Proposed Disbursements:

Salary-----	\$ 9,595.00
Travel-----	2,400.00
Rent & Utilities for Promotional Office-----	1,200.00
Telephone-----	500.00
Office Equipment-----	600.00
Expense to State & National Assoc.-	375.00
Social Security-----	665.00
Housing & Utilities-----	3,000.00
Retirement & Insurance-----	912.00
Registration Fee to Annual Leadership Conf.-----	35.00

Total Disbursements-----\$19,282.00

Working Balance-----7,294.01

Total-----\$26,576.01

GENERAL FUND

April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

Balance forwarded-----\$ 2,383.97

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Receipts-----\$5,102.52

Designated for Minutes----- 252.00

Offering, Tuesday Evening----- 153.00

Designated "Special Fund" Nat'l
Assn. 1978----- 538.00Total Receipts-----\$ 6,045.52Total Receipts plus Balance forwarded-----\$ 8,429.79

DISBURSEMENTS:

Badges for State Association-----\$ 86.58

Petty Cash----- 20.00

Auditing Committee----- 142.61

Office Supplies----- 185.32

Senior Citizens Committee Travel--- 243.75

Programs for State Association----- 177.16

Andy Lay, Honorarium & Plaque----- 120.64

Rental A/V and Flash Bulbs----- 30.00

Tryman Messer & Bill Jones-Honorarium 250.00

Postage & Xerox----- 55.64

Binding of Digest of Reports, Printing
and Letterheads----- 115.50

State Clerk-Postage & Telephone----- 41.18

Nat'l Assn. Representative Fees----- 200.00

Roger Harwell - State Clerk----- 500.00

Printing of State Minutes----- 426.15

Delegate Expense to Nat'l Assoc.--- 250.00

General Board Travel----- 455.94

Executive Committee Travel----- 252.09

N.A.E. Delegates Expense----- 275.00

Secretary of State, Missouri Inc. Fee 1.00

Repair on Typewriter----- 19.75

Telephone----- 36.20

Savings Account-1978 Fund Nat'l Assn. 538.00

File Cabinet----- 82.68

United Savings----- 1,000.00

Total Disbursements-----\$ 5,505.19Balance-----\$ 2,924.60Deposit with United Savings-----\$ 1,000.00Total Balance-----\$ 3,924.60

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

SUBSCRIPTIONS

106 churches subscribe to the GEM on the CHURCH FAMILY PLAN.
Total of 2150 subscribers.
130 individual subscriptions are mailed, for a total of 2280
paid subscriptions.
72 complimentary copies are mailed.
2352 total copies mailed, exclusive of those used for promotional
purposes.

Balance brought forward-----\$1,207.23

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative-----\$3,076.46

Subscriptions-----3,903.00

Total-----\$6,979.46

Balance-----\$8,186.69

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing-----\$5,574.00

Miscellaneous-----362.08

Total-----\$5,936.08

Balance-----\$2,250.61

BALANCE SHEET:

Cash in all accounts-----\$2,250.61

Office equipment-----150.00

Liabilities-----0-

Total Assets-----\$2,400.61

Proposed Budget for Free Will Baptist Gem

Cash on Hand-----\$2,250.61

Cooperative Receipts-----3,250.00

Subscriptions-----4,200.00

Total-----\$9,700.61

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing-----\$5,574.00

Miscellaneous-----400.00 \$5,974.00

Working Balance-----\$3,726.61

Total-----\$9,700.61

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

We rejoice in the way that the Lord has blessed Missouri Free Will Baptists. We are glad to be a part of the ministry of Free Will Baptists in Missouri. Our ministry has been blessed and has grown this past year. Our sales increased by 13% over the previous year. While we had planned for an even larger growth rate, we are thankful for the fact of continued growth.

The unexpected bad winter conditions did have an adverse effect upon sales. This left a larger inventory (and accounts payable) than we expected. The inventory amount includes VBS literature (due in August), Sunday School literature and supplies, and seasonal merchandise totaling \$ 6,837. We have implemented some new inventory controls to keep to a minimum "overstock" and "out of stock" conditions. We stock merchandise that we anticipate our churches and customers will be using regularly. Almost any other item may be special ordered for you. Even with our stock of over 2,000 book titles, there are orders for titles not regularly stocked, or temporarily out of stock.

Individual accounts receivable continue to grow in number and amount. We now accept BankAmericard and Master Charge cards as an alternative to individual charge accounts. These may also be used for mail and phone orders. The fee charged to us for this service is less than our cost of processing and collecting charges. Although all accounts are due within 30 days, many are taking longer to pay. We may need to institute a monthly service charge on past due accounts to help with this problem.

Continually, we search for new ways of serving you more effectively. Your store is a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptist Book Dealers organized in March. This meeting produced a number of good ideas and plans. This spring I was privileged to attend the 5th Annual Christina Booksellers Association Status of the Industry Meeting. Representatives from 50 bookstores, and 50 suppliers from across the nation were invited to discuss the problems, plans, and future of Christina bookstores. This meeting will help shape the future and prepare us for the things to come in this ministry.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. We look forward to the opportunities you afford us to serve you with Christian literature.

In His Service,

Edwin Bowden
Manager

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOK STORE

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1976-1977

BEGINNING BALANCE, April 1, 1976 \$ 1,358.89

Receipts	\$137,681.91	
Redeposit of Returned Checks	437.43	
From State Office	600.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		138,719.34

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT 140,078.23

DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	53,137.41	
Sunday School Literature	41,080.42	
Freight	1,064.65	
Postage	1,800.00	
United Parcel Service	1,679.53	
Supplies	1,717.34	
Office Supplies	513.29	
Utilities	1,186.67	
Telephone	659.47	
Advertising	3,782.26	
Building Payment	2,400.00	
Building Maintenance & Repair	895.16	
Equipment Rental	154.52	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	250.58	
Wages	16,595.62	
Bonus	1,159.03	
Payroll Taxes	4,574.89	
Employee Insurance	771.51	
Mileage	327.30	
Sales Tax	1,362.72	
Returned Checks	501.80	
Refunds	285.95	
Convention, Seminar Expenses	396.38	
CBA Membership Dues	90.00	
FWB Book Dealer Membership Dues	10.00	
Insurance (Building, Contents, Liability)	1,485.00	
Property Taxes	373.49	
TO SAVINGS ACCOUNT	600.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		138,854.99

BALANCE ON HAND, March 31, 1977 1,223.24

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

SALES

Cash Sales	44,740.39	
Charge Sales	26,912.46	
Sunday School Literature	52,380.61	
Vacation Bible School Literature	8,735.89	
Postage	<u>4,046.73</u>	136,816.08

COST OF SALES

Beginning Inventory	41,533.89	
Purchases	<u>98,653.74</u>	
Total Cost of Merchandise	<u>140,187.63</u>	
Less Ending Inventory	<u>47,696.10</u>	
Net Cost of Sales	<u>92,491.53</u>	
Freight	1,064.65	
Supplies	<u>1,717.34</u>	95,273.52
GROSS PROFIT ON SALES		<u>41,542.56</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Postage & UPS	3,479.53	
Utilities & Telephone	1,846.14	
Advertising	3,782.26	
Maintenance & Repair	1,145.74	
Wages & Bonus	17,754.65	
Payroll Taxes	4,574.89	
Insurance	1,485.00	
Interest	1,069.33	
Bad Debt Expenses	165.83	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,782.97</u>	38,086.34
NET PROFIT		<u>3,456.22</u>

CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL

ASSETS

	BEGINNING	ENDING	INCREASE (DECREASE)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Balance	1,358.89	1,223.24	(135.65)
Cash on Hand	50.00	50.00	-0-
Accounts Receivable	3,872.62	4,479.89	607.27
Inventory (Net)	41,533.89	47,696.10	6,162.21
Savings Account			
(Restricted)	<u>457.54</u>	<u>1,095.13</u>	<u>637.59</u>
	<u>47,272.94</u>	<u>54,544.36</u>	<u>7,271.42</u>
FIXED ASSETS (at cost)			
Building	18,500.00	18,500.00	-0-
Equipment	<u>6,767.88</u>	<u>6,724.15</u>	<u>(43.73)</u>
	<u>25,267.88</u>	<u>25,224.15</u>	<u>(43.73)</u>
Total Assets	72,540.82	79,768.51	7,227.69

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	13,824.94	18,260.85	4,435.91
Payroll Taxes	323.36	386.11	62.75
Sales Tax	266.04	231.93	(34.11)
	<u>14,414.34</u>	<u>18,878.89</u>	<u>4,464.55</u>

LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Mortgage	13,968.36	12,637.69	(1,330.67)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	28,382.70	31,516.58	3,133.88
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OPERATING FUNDS BALANCE	43,700.58	47,156.80	3,456.22
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RESTRICTED FUNDS BALANCE	457.54	1,095.13	637.59
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PROPOSED BUDGET 1977-1978

INCOME

Bookstore Sales	89,000.00	
Sunday School Literature Sales	56,000.00	
Vacation Bible School Literature Sales	10,200.00	
Postage Sales	4,800.00	
TOTAL SALES		160,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Resale Purchases	63,000.00	
Sundat School Literature	42,000.00	
Freight	1,800.00	
Postage	2,300.00	
United Parcel Service	2,300.00	
Supplies	2,200.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	
Utilities	1,800.00	
Telephone	1,000.00	
Advertising	3,500.00	
Building Payment	2,400.00	
Building Maintenance & Repair	2,000.00	
Insurance (Building, Contents, Liability)	2,000.00	
Equipment	3,000.00	
Equipment Rental	200.00	
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	500.00	
Wages	22,400.00	
Bonus	1,600.00	
Payroll Taxes	1,400.00	
Employee Insurance	800.00	
Mileage	500.00	
Booksellers Associations Dues	200.00	
Convention, Seminar Expenses	600.00	
Property Taxes	400.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		160,000.00

REPORT OF MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS

Greetings Brethern:

In the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ "who bare our sins in his own body on the tree that we might live unto righteousness!"

To follow is a brief report of the mission works now under the auspices of the Mo. State Home Mission Board.

Our newest work is at Rolla where Bro. Dale Smith is working. This is a joint project with the National Home Mission Dept. This work has had a slow beginning but it is our hope that it will show real signs of progress this year. They do have a sufficient building for worship and Sunday School growth.

Our oldest work is at Independence where Bro. Dennis Bowman is pastor. This work has shown slow but continuous progress over the past five years. They support the world wide ministry through Cooperative giving and missions. They have build a new sanctuary and have adequate facilities for growth. This church will assume all financial responsibilities in July of this year.

The K.C. Mission has faced many problems from the beginning. But the prospect of a great church is promising. Bro. Troy Burney has been there for the past 11 months and we believe he will lead this work to success. This work supports cooperatively.

The work at Sedalia where Bro. James Stovall is pastor only draws a token support. By help from the Perpetual Loan Fund they were able to purchase a building. They are in the process of enlarging their facilities. They are seeing souls saved and they support all the denominational work through Coop. and missions.

The Eastern Gate mission at Springfield was a recipient of a loan to construct a first unit building which is now in progress. Bro. Bill Swearingon is pastor.

The work at Union has been outstanding. Bro. Tom Owens has led this work in purchase of land, building a building, and they have undertaken all financial responsibilities as of May. This work supports Coop. and missions.

The work at Cape Girardeau where Bro. Ronnie Graham was pastor has shown signs of real progress in that they are becoming rooted and grounded. They carry a large portion of their financial load. They also support Coop. and missions. Bro. Graham has accepted a postorate in Tenn. A new pastor will be on the field there soon.

Bro. Denzil Durbin just recently accepted the work at Poplar Bluff. This work is beginning to show real enthusiasm and growth. A number of souls have been saved recently and are becoming involved in the work.

Bro. Dale Blackwell is serving temporarily at Malden where Bro. Bill Adkisson was until his resignation. During the past year this group has purchased property and remodeled a building which was on the property and they bought furniture. They have a nice facility in which to begin a great church. They support the Coop. program.

We covet your prayers for both the mission board and each of the mission works. We also covet your financial support. We ask you to consider designated giving along with your cooperative support that we might have a greater outreach. Thank you for all that you are doing.

From your Home Mission Board

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YR. ENDING 3-31-77
GENERAL FUND - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Cash balance April 5, 1976

5,017.13

Receipts

Cooperative fund	22,368.36
Undesignated gifts	11,208.39
Designated gifts	
Poplar Bluff	2,267.90
Rolla	3,854.30
Sedalia	275.00
Stockton	1,280.50
Potosi	425.00
Union	2,660.35
Malden	5.00
Cape Girardeau	50.00
Kansas City First	88.00
Repay & Int. Union Loan	3,445.00
From Savings	595.00

Salaries

Poplar Bluff	109.00
Union	950.00
Cape Girardeau	7,700.00
Kansas City First	2,925.00
Malden	1,850.00
Bond	1,000.00
Bond Coupon	35.00
State Assoc. spec. offering	1,010.35
	<u>64,102.15</u>

64,102.15

69,119.28

Disbursements

Kansas City First	9,475.00
Cape Girardeau	9,600.00
Poplar Bluff	4,550.00
Malden	9,400.00
Union	9,600.00
Rolla	2,623.70
Independence	6,000.00
Potosi	425.00
Sedalia	1,800.00
Stockton	1,280.50
Union Bld. Fund	1,010.35
Bookkeeping	825.00
Telephones	649.90
Mileage-board & Missionaries	2,303.50

Misc. Expenses

Missionary moving exp.	347.57
Loan to Eastern Gate	1,800.00
National Home Missions	500.00
Lawyer for K.C. First	25.00
Plane fare	82.00
Plaques & office supplies	504.49
Poplar Bluff Expenses	961.91
Bonds & Coupons-K.C. First	2,315.00
Motels & meals for board	342.98
	<u>66,421.90</u>

66,421.90

2,697.38

Working balance in General Fund March 31, 1977

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YR. ENDING 3-31-77

LOAN FUND

Cash balance April 5, 1976 6,108.47

Receipts

Willow Springs	17.00	
Repayment on loan - Berean	1,737.30	
Interest on loan - Berean	21.15	
Repayment on loan - Oak Hill	1,700.00	
Farmington	250.00	
Grace	200.00	
Interest	38.29	
Bethel	60.00	
Berean	30.00	
Mrs. Don Thomas	25.00	
Naomi Budd	5.00	
Gary Elder	30.00	
Robert Sharry	10.00	
Record Sales	30.00	
Mo. State Womans Auxiliary	533.61	
Olivet Womans Auxiliary	1,200.00	
Total	<u>5,887.35</u>	<u>5,887.35</u>
Total to be accounted for		<u>11,995.82</u>

Expenditures

Loan to Eastern Gate	8,200.00	<u>8,200.00</u>
Balance on hand March 31, 1977		3,795.82

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Cash balance April 5, 1976 2,192.25

Receipts

Returned check	120.00	
Interest	<u>4.32</u>	
	124.32	<u>124.32</u>
Total to be accounted for		<u>2,316.57</u>

Disbursements

K.C. First Mission Bonds & Coupons	1,715.00	
To General Fund	<u>595.00</u>	
	2,310.00	<u>2,310.00</u>
Balance on hand March 31, 1977		6.57

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

BALANCE SHEET FOR 1976-77

Current Assets

Cash in bank (checking account)	2,697.38	
Cash in bank (savings account)	6.57	
Cash in bank (loan fund)	<u>3,795.82</u>	
	6,499.77	6,499.77

Other Assets - Loan & Interest

Sedalia (loan fund)	10,497.60	
Eastern Gate (from Gen. fund)	1,896.00	
Eastern Gate (loan fund)	8,991.80	
Independence (loan fund)	<u>314.96</u>	
	21,700.36	21,700.36

Equipment

Adding machine	50.00	
Printing calculator	<u>95.00</u>	
	145.00	145.00

Board appraisal of property under our supervision

	<u>Valued</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Equity</u>	
Independence	64,000.00	38,000.00	26,000.00	
Aurora	10,000.00		10,000.00	
Cape Girardeau	75,000.00	28,000.00	47,000.00	
K.C. First	75,000.00	22,500.00	52,500.00	
Union	35,000.00	27,600.00	7,400.00	
Poplar Bluff	12,000.00	6,800.00	5,200.00	
Sedalia	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>4,500.00</u>	
	286,000.00	133,400.00	152,600.00	<u>152,600.00</u>

Total Assets 180,945.13

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

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1977-78 GENERAL FUND

Balance in General Fund April 5, 1976	2,697.38
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Anticipated Income

Cooperative Fund (20% of 130,000.00)	26,000.00	
Designated giving	<u>34,000.00</u>	
Total anticipated income	60,000.00	<u>60,000.00</u> <u>62,697.38</u>

Anticipated Expenses

Salaries-missionaries	40,200.00	
Housing allowances	9,000.00	
Board Expenses	3,500.00	
Bookkeeping	1,200.00	
Misc. Designated	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,100.00</u>	
Total expenses	60,000.00	<u>60,000.00</u>
Working balance		2,697.38

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

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS
FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS 1976-77

Berean	213.00	Olivet	2,475.00
Berkeley	300.00	Pleasant Home	110.00
Bethel	137.00	Purdy	35.00
Cape Girardeau	156.60	Richwoods	7.00
Central	580.00	Rock Chapel	409.00
Columbia	65.00	Salem	80.00
Copper Mines	40.00	Sedalia	381.24
DeSoto	1,050.00	Shell Knob	5.00
Faith Cahpel	53.00	South Fremont	1,823.50
Farmington	542.90	South Side	85.00
Fellowship	261.00	Thayer	1,544.44
Flat River	134.28	Union Light	116.00
Fourth	402.05	Verdella	110.00
Fredericktown	5.00	Viburnum Ladies Aux.	51.79
Grace	654.00	Victory	516.50
Hannon	1,384.00	Waynesville	10.00
Hartville	49.14	West Plains	1,040.00
Hazel Creek	40.00	St. Fran.Qtly.Mtg.	455.00
Houston	518.56	Mo.State Womans A.	1,122.42
Hurryville	90.00	First Qtly. Mtg.	50.00
Joplin	50.00	State Assoc. Off.	
Kingsway	150.00	for Union Bldg.	1,010.35
Kirksville	2.50	St. Louis Dist.	
Lebanon	30.00	Qtly. Mtg.	42.31
Malden	170.00	Oklahoma State	150.00
Merls Chapel	49.40	N.E. Assoc.	102.03
Monett	5.00	Sonlight Missionary	
Mtn. Grove	344.25	Conference	703.06
Mt. Pisgah	100.00	Evelyn Cheatham	10.00
Myrtle	732.65	Poplar Springs,	
Neosho	40.00	Iuka, Ms.	225.12
New Home	110.00	Naoma St. Cin	4.00
New Life	75.00	Leatrice Strother	10.00
Oak Hill	384.33	Julius Deaton	5.00
O'Fallon	308.26	Lynda Ward	3.00
		Oscar Moreland	10.00
		Martha Baker	20.00
		Nancy Fogerson	20.00
		The Jones Family	709.48

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 a record breaking year for State Home Missions.

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

Giving by Association: Year ending March 31, 1977

Southeast	5,449.52
Greater Kansas City	4,165.74
Mission	5,114.99
Cave Springs	2,735.87
Indian Creek	189.30
Central Western	1,606.00
Liberty	65.00
Northeast	144.53
Northwest	
Laclede County	
Niangua	

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

The State Youth Camp and Board has undergone several changes in the past year. Pinkney Askren and Family, our camp caretaker for the past five years, asked to be replaced because of ill health. The camp board is very appreciative to the Askrens for the hard work and dedication to the camp during their tenure there. We hope better health for them in the future.

As a result of the loss of Brother Askren the board began a thorough search for some one to move to the grounds with a real burden for the Youth Camp. Several meetings with prayerful planning followed. The need for up-grading of the camp facilities and more time spent in physical care of the property were items the new man would be expected to do in his job description. A raise in salary was necessary and a board felt a change in the official title would be helpful. The job title arrived at was Camp Superintendent. There was one family very interested in the job, but after prayer could not feel the Lord' leading.

Bro. Bud Arnold for many years had shown his deep love and burden for the camp. The other members of the board asked him to prayerfully consider a move to the camp while he continued to minister to the church at Hartville. This move took place the first of January, 1977.

There have been many projects that have added to the new look of the State Camp. Remodeling of the Superintendent's home, new area for parking buses, blacktopping of the basketball and volleyball courts, new ice machine, dishwasher with plastic trays, glasses and cups are among these improvements. Also, the kitchen has been remodeled and a new filter system has been added to the swimming pool. We are proud of the new dual cottage that is presently under construction that will serve as quarters for the camp evangelist in one side and camp cooks in the other.

The camp sessions have undergone a change in sequence. This year Elementary Camp, 7 years to 6th grade will be first, June 12th - 17th; Junior High, 7th, 8th, and 9th grades - June 19th - 24th; and Teen Camp, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades to age 19, June 26th - July 1st.

Our financial report will show some churches are giving to the camp above their cooperative giving. We appreciate these very much and would encourage others to include regular monthly gifts to the camp. As your giving increases the camp board will be able to upgrade the total camping programs.

Projects in the immediate future include a boys shower-restroom on the east end of the boys' cabins. This will be a very expensive item. Improvements in the swimming pool and fencing are planned as well as improvements on the restrooms and shower areas now in use and others.

An investment in Youth Camp is an investment in the souls of young people. There were 1175 campers last year with many decisions made for the Lord. The State Youth Camp Board desires your prayers and continued support that camping will continue to be an investment in young lives till Jesus comes.

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS OF MARCH 31, 1977

CASH ON HAND

State Bank of DeSoto, Missouri.....	\$ 5,144.63
Citizens Bank of Marshfield, Missouri.....	5.00
<u>TOTAL CASH</u>	<u>5,149.63</u>

OTHER ASSETS

Land and Buildings.....	\$260,000.00
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$265,149.63</u>

LIABILITIES March 31, 1977....None

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
Financial Report April 1, 1976-March 31, 1977

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD April 1, 1976.....\$ 7,163.33

RECEIPTS

Missouri Cooperative..... 6,768.28
ASSOCIATIONS

Cave Springs.....	\$ 20.00
Central Western.....	400.00
Greater Kansas City.....	200.00
Indian Creek.....	0.00
Laclede County.....	0.00
Liberty.....	262.55
Mission.....	2,086.65
Niangua.....	0.00
Northeast.....	170.00
Northwest.....	0.00
Southeast.....	835.36

TOTAL FROM ASSOCIATIONS \$ 3,974.56.....\$ 3,974.56

CAMP OPERATION

Individual Gifts.....	\$ 1,047.40
Registration.....	12,276.65
Camp Rental.....	1,077.60
Concessions.....	3,762.36
Refunds.....	928.60
Other Receipts.....	328.64

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$19,421.25.....\$19,421.25

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT.....\$37,327.42

DISBURSEMENTS

Concessions.....	\$ 2,324.85
Food and Kitchen.....	6,474.07
Building and Maintenance.....	7,826.79
Utilities.....	2,828.98
Honorarium & Board Travel....	905.70
Camp Superintendent.....	2,750.00
Secretary-Treasurer.....	300.00
Insurance.....	1,588.25
Printing & Office Supplies...	664.21
Equipment.....	3,251.67
Kitchen Staff.....	1,080.00
Miscellaneous.....	2,183.27

TOTAL DISBURSED.....\$32,177.79.....\$32,177.79

Balance March 31, 1977..... 5,149.63

Balance in State Bank of DeSoto, Missouri..... 5,144.63

Balance in Citizens Bank of Marshfield, Missouri. 5.00

TOTAL CASH BALANCE MARCH 31, 1977.....\$ 5,149.63

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
Proposed Budget April 1, 1977 - March 31, 1978

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand-----	\$ 5,149.63
Mo. Co-op(5-1/2% proposed budget)	5,000.00
Receipts From Associations-----	1,000.00
Individual Gifts-----	1,000.00
Registration-----	14,500.00
Camp Rental-----	1,200.00
Concession Sales-----	4,000.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$37,999.63</u>

EXPENDITURES

Camp Superintendent-----	\$ 4,500.00
Concessions-----	3,000.00
Food & Kitchen Supplies-----	7,000.00
Building & Maintenance-----	8,500.00
Utilities-----	4,500.00
Insurance-----	2,500.00
Board Travel, Honorariums-----	2,000.00
Secretary-Treasurer-----	300.00
Equipment Purchases-----	2,500.00
Cook & Kitchen Workers-----	1,200.00
Printing & Office Supplies-----	750.00
Miscellaneous-----	1,000.00
Fund Balance-----	249.63
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$37,999.63</u>

GIVING BY CHURCHES FROM APRIL 1, 1976 - MARCH 31, 1977

Pea Ridge-----	\$800.00	Union-----	\$150.00
Hannon-----	180.00	Fourth Church-----	120.00
Richwoods-----	45.00	Faith-----	120.00
Grace, Arnold-----	120.00	Macedonia Sunday Sch.	120.00
New Harmony-----	50.00	New Life, Licking----	130.00
Trinity, Bridgeton-----	10.00	Rock Chapel-----	110.00
Hazel Creek-----	120.00	New Home-----	120.00
Grant Avenue-----	60.00	Verdella-----	120.00
Cuba-----	120.00	Thayer-----	280.00
New Rock Springs-----	100.00	Oskaloosa-----	80.00
First, Mtn. Grove-----	160.00	Independence-----	90.00
Olivette-----	90.00	Oak Hill-----	100.00
Willow Springs-----	120.00		
Myrtle-----	194.15		
Berkeley-----	70.00		

In His Service, Your Camp Board,
Lynn Wood, Chairman
Ken Goff
Steve Burton
Charles L. Miller, Sec.-Treas.

Missouri Sunday School & CTS Board

Report to the State

June 6, 1977

Missouri State Association
Springfield, Missouri
Report to the State

Greetings in Christ,

Once again the Sunday School and CTS Board is thankful to report another good year of service. During this past year we concentrated on three main areas of interest. First of all we decided to acquaint our board members with all of the procedures related to Sunday School and CTS curriculum preparation. This was accomplished by a two day visit to both of the National Departments. Secondly we wanted to invoke more of our churches in a growth contest so we promoted a simultaneous contest in conjunction with the National campaign. The effort was rewarded with a successful number of entries so we are already planning to present another contest for the same time next year. Thirdly we wanted to please the people of our state by putting to use some of the suggestions they have given us about the CTS competitions. Some of them we eliminated and others we adopted in such a way that this years competitions were fluid and fruitful. It was the best that we have ever had in our state.

These were our goals and we certainly want to thank all of those who contributed so much as we labored for our State. Each year will have new goals and ideas but we have one single aim above all others; to equip and prepare the saints of God in Missouri with the necessary means to do a great work in the service of the Lord. Our goal can only be reached as everyone prays and endeavors to get involved. Our need is to meet your needs.

May God Bless you at this State Meeting.

Sunday School & CTS Board

Ken Tallent
Ted Wilbanks
Richard Pointer
Dale Smith, Chairman

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Missouri Sunday School & CTS Board

April-1976 to March 31, 1977

Balances

Balance in Savings	284.26
Balance in Checking Account	<u>140.01</u>
Total Balances	<u>424.27</u>

Beginning balance as of April 1, 1976 140.01

Receipts

Cooperative Fund	2,153.53	
Seminars & Competitions	450.00	
Offering at State Assoc.	21.92	
Savings account closed out	286.64	
Refund check for Airlines ticket for Ken Riggs	<u>78.73</u>	
Total receipts	2,990.82	<u>2,990.82</u>
		3,130.83

Disbursements

Mileage	1,102.30	
Phone	288.16	
Postage	61.90	
Printing	54.13	
Meals	137.19	
Motel	102.24	
State Meeting	227.75	
Competitive Activities	832.84	
Miscellaneous	<u>16.20</u>	
Total Disbursements	2,822.89	<u>2,822.89</u>

Total Balance as of March 31, 1977 307.94

Missouri Sunday School & CTS Board

Projected Budget 1977-78

Balance as of April 1, 1977		307.94
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Projected Income

Cooperative Funds	2,300.00	
Seminars & Competition	<u>550.00</u>	

Total Projected	2,850.00	<u>2,850.00</u>
		3,157.94

Projected Expenses

Travel	900.00	
State Assoc.	200.00	
Phone & Postage	225.00	
State Competition	850.00	
Seminars	<u>600.00</u>	

Total	<u>2,775.00</u>	<u>2,775.00</u>
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Projected balance as of March 31, 1978		482.94
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Respectfully submitted,

Missouri State SS & CTS Board

Kent Tallent
Richard Pointer
Ted Wilbanks
Dale Smith, Chairman

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash on Hand-----	\$ 598.60
Accounts Receivable-----	328.39
Office Equipment-----	40.00
Investment (Board of Retirement & Ins.)-----	<u>3,000.00</u>

Total-----\$3,966.99

Liabilities

Book Stores-----	\$ 10.58
Salary & Mileage-----	<u>148.80</u>

Total-----\$ 159.38

FUND BALANCE (Assets over liabilities)-----\$3,807.61

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
BUDGET 1977-78

Income

Co-op (2% of \$130,000)---	\$2,600.00
Student Fees-----	7,000.00
Book Sales-----	<u>1,500.00</u>

Total-----\$11,100.00

Expenditures

Board Expense-----	\$ 750.00
Office Expense-----	300.00
Personnel Salaries-----	5,600.00
Institute Travel-----	1,500.00
Texts and Materials-----	450.00
Retreat Expense-----	<u>1,000.00</u>

Total \$11,100.00

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

Christian education is without a doubt, one of the greatest needs of our denomination. As your Board of Christian Education we appreciate and support all who are laboring in this field within our denomination. The work of our colleges, our Sunday Schools, and our CTS are paying rich dividends in the Kingdom of God.

We believe, however, that there has been a gap in our denominational program of Christian education. The laymen and ministers whose level of study has been beyond the Sunday school, but who have not had the opportunity of going away to one of our colleges have been, for the mostpart, neglected.

Missouri Bible Institutes have arisen to fill this gap. Presently meeting in four locations in the State of Missouri these Bible institutes meet in the evenings or on Saturdays, with academically and spiritually qualified instructors, teaching Bible and related subjects on a high academic level.

This past year 184 people were enrolled in MBI completing 295 hours of course work in 31 different classes ranging from Bible Survey to Nouthetic Counseling, Evangelism to Principles of Teaching, Church Administration to Music in the Local Church.

Your Board is pleased with the progress in the two years of our existence. The first year we had the benefit of being mothered by Hillsdale FWB College, but due to a legal technicality we had to sever that relationship and function independently this past year. We have earnestly endeavored to maintain the quality of instruction in MBI that was present when we were an extension of Hillsdale College.

We have no time to rest on our laurels, however. The surface of need has barely been scratched. We desire to place Bible institutes all across our state wherever a sufficient number of Free Will Baptists exist that desire such an opportunity.

Institutes may be held one night per week for a 12 week trimester, every night for a week or two, or a week-end of intensive study on a subject of interest.

MBI offers an Associate Certificate of Christian Service for successful completion of a 16 hour course of study and a certificate of Christian Service for 32 prescribed hours.

Please let us consider how we can minister to you and your people in your area. Contact one of the members of your board.

Andy Lay, chairman
Dennis Bowman
Howard Bowers
R.B. Spurgeon

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT
April 1, 1976 - March 31, 1977

INCOME

Beginning Balance 4-1-76--\$	3,935.80	
Student Fees-----	5,788.95	
Co-op-----	2,461.23	
Gifts-----	65.05	
Total-----		\$12,251.03

EXPENDITURES

Board Expenses-----\$	730.70	
Office Expenses-----	766.23	
Instructors' Salaries-----	4,135.00	
Instructors' Travel-----	1,397.60	
Investment (Board of		
Retirement & Ins. of FWB-	3,000.00	
Texts & Materials-----	1,553.90	
Printing & Advertising----	59.00	
Returned Check-----	10.00	
Total-----		\$11,652.43

CASH ON HAND-----\$ 598.60

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
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PERSONAL GREETINGS TO THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
Meeting June 7-9, 1977

This year marks a major milestone in our denominational history. Free Will Baptists commemorate 250 years as a spiritual force in America. God has blessed the witness of Free Will Baptists as we have sought to faithfully proclaim His Word and expand His kingdom work.

Despite some difficult periods of severe testing, we are emerging as a stable and mature fellowship of churches marching triumphant under the banner of Christ our Lord.

Many encouraging signs of progress give evidence that we are pressing toward higher levels of achievement.

Our Home and Foreign Missions outreach continues to expand. New couples are becoming commissioned for foreign ministries. A new mission church is being organized every week... Local Churches are experiencing growth because of increasing soul-winning efforts... Our lay people are becoming more involved, and the national Layman's work in particular has taken on new life... Our Youth work, under the direction of our Church Training Service Department, is experiencing healthy growth... The publication of Christian literature by our National Sunday School Department is a thrilling story of success... Greater involvement in Christian Education is being manifest... the increasing number of students enrolling in our national and state Colleges along with the organization of more than 20 Bible institutes indicates an enlarged vision for training Christian workers... The Christian Day School movement likewise continues to expand... The Board of Retirement is finding new and innovative ways to minister to our elderly.

God is at work in every phase of our national ministries. The pace of progress coupled with trends of greater cohesiveness give us reasons for great joy and renewed hope for the future of our denomination. The Holy Spirit is welding us together into a great spiritual force to advance the kingdom of God. What a blessing it is to be linked together as collaborators with God in this task of building His Church!

Therefore, it is with a deep sense of pride in our people and praise to God that we thank you for having a part in the notable achievements and advances of our denominational work. We especially appreciate each pastor who has led his church to participate in our total denominational program. It is also a privilege to count numerous laymen as partners in fulfilling the Great Commission. Your faithful support reflects a vital and genuine concern.

In behalf of the Executive Office ministries, I would like to call your attention to the following 4 areas of ministry....

*CONTACT MAGAZINE...Our national magazine is now bigger and better in quality. It has been enlarged to provide more and better articles, news information and an indepth analysis of contemporary issues. We invite you to write CONTACT, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, for specific information on how you can obtain or promote our national publication.

*NATIONAL CONVENTION...The highlight of our denominational year is the convening of representatives from almost 2,500 churches in 39 states as well as from 9 foreign countries. This international conclave, for which the Executive Office is directly responsible for planning and promoting, provides an opportunity for fellowship, inspiration and challenge to carry out our Lord's Great Commission. Business sessions provide a forum for discussing issues and establishing policies designed to strengthen our fellowship. This is why every church ought to send its pastor and a lay delegate to participate in the annual convention.

The theme for our convention in Detroit, July 17-21, is "Triumphant in Christ." We ask you to begin now making preparation to attend as we seek to emphasize the necessity of magnifying Christ in one's life, in the home, in our churches and through world missions. More than 20 workshops and seminars will inform pastors and laymen of practical ways to continue building triumphant Christiana ministries that exalt Jesus Christ.

*COOPERATIVE PLAN... The Cooperative Plan is a chain of stewardship which links the local church with the state and national ministries. This chain is more than money; it is composed of the links of faith, vision, concern for souls and personal involvement... This chain binds the churches to state, national and foreign missions. It connects the church with our state and national educational institutions. It provides a link with every phase of denominational service...The chain grows stronger each time a church adopts this plan. The overall increase of 23% during 1976 enabled us to strengthen our unified effort to fulfill our worldwide responsibility.

*EXECUTIVE OFFICE SUPPORT...The lifeline of our work support is the Cooperative Plan. But many churches have not chosen to use this plan. Consequently, the Executive Office does not receive regular support for this particular ministry. We are grateful for the churches that do give faithfully. But while giving from your state to many of the departments has increased, this area of work has been greatly neglected. I especially appeal to each pastor to lead your church to receive an offering for the Executive Office or include us in your church budget.

I request your continued prayers in my endeavors to lead our beloved denominational work forward in a spirit of total dedication to Jesus Christ our Lord. Continue to pray with me for revival and a greater thrust in soul winning.

Yours in Christ,

Rufus Coffey
Executive Secretary

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HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

P.O. Box 6343
Moore, Oklahoma 73160
405-794-6661

May 13, 1977

TO: MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

One senior, one junior, ten sophomores, and ten freshmen represented Missouri on the Hillsdale campus during the '76-'77 school year. They were part of a 200+ total enrollment. Kent Hubbard, St. Louis, served as president of the student body. Kathy Simpson and Greg McAllister, Farmington, ministered with the Harvesters Quartet. We appreciate all their contributions this year.

We appreciate the work and support by the people of Missouri in praying, giving, and sending college students to Hillsdale. We trust they are receiving the training necessary to make them effective in their service with you for the Lord.

Missouri gave \$13,952.39 to Hillsdale's general fund from July 1, 1976 through April 30, 1977, and an additional \$7,913.38 to the \$60,000 project for a total of \$21,865.77.

Hillsdale is an extension of the local Free Will Baptist church. We have a great responsibility to train our young people to serve in the field God directs them. As Hillsdale grows so do our responsibilities. With your continuing help we will be ready to meet the challenges. We can thank the Lord together that all areas of Free Will Baptists have profited from students who were trained at Hillsdale.

Junior-Senior Day was a great success. Fifty students from Missouri joined with 250 other visitors to break all attendance records. This fall we expect to enroll the largest number of freshmen (approximately 120) ever at Hillsdale. We anticipate another large number of students from Missouri.

Thanks again for all that you have done for Hillsdale. Any time you need information, please write to me c/o Box 6343, Moore, OK 73160, or telephone 405-793-6661.

May God richly bless you all.

In His service together,

James H. Amick, Jr.
Director of Promotions

"SERVING FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN EDUCATION"

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

MISSOURI STUDENTS - 1976-77

Deborah Bowers
Sheila Cawvey
Cindy Cook
James Crossgrove
Joe Day
Floyd Dean
Kevin Francis
Joe Govreau
Randy Hood
Kent Hubbard
Ed Ikemeier
Judy Lister
Sheri Luter
Greg McAllister
James Metcalf
Howard Pinkerton
Steven Reeves
Beverly Rehkop
Sandy Selvey
Kathy Simpson
Charles Smith
Bill Whitelock

Norwood
West Plains
Independence
Kirksville
Lebanon
Lebanon
Farmington
Farmington
Thayer
St. Louis
Farmington
St. Louis
St. Louis
Farmington
Flat River
Farmington
Stockton
Arnold
Liberal
Farmington
Liberal
St. Charles

DEPARTMENT OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

1977

Dear Friends:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY FREE WILL BAPTISTS!

It hardly seems possible the Free Will Baptist Church in America was founded before the Declaration of Independence was signed! But it is true. The first Free Will Baptist Church was organized 250 years ago in 1727 at Perquimans County, North Carolina.

During these past 250 years, we as Free Will Baptists through the framework of our denomination, have had a vital part in the building of God's kingdom. We have faithfully served God and our ministries have touched our nation as well as other countries around the world.

Through the years, we have undertaken new and varied ministries. One by one we created departments to carry out those fields of endeavor; the Bible College, the Sunday School Department, the Woman's Auxiliary Convention, the Home Missions Department, the Foreign Missions Department, the Master's Men, the Church Training Service, and finally--just 8 years ago--the Department of Retirement.

Already we have 418 pastors, missionaries, and denominational employees as members of our retirement pension plan. Many of our churches contribute \$25.00 or more each month to provide retirement benefits for their pastors or other employees.

During the past year, a pastor, one of the first members of our plan to reach retirement age, moved out of the parsonage after many years in the ministry. With thanksgiving we mailed checks to him totaling \$11,000.00. Can you appreciate what this means to him? We look to the future when all Free Will Baptists who give their lives to full time work within our denomination will have their needs met in older years.

Free Will Baptists are catching a vision of responsibility. Many of our churches are concerned about life insurance coverage for their pastor and his wife--travel insurance protection--hospitalization insurance--and cancer care insurance. Looking ahead, they prefer to avoid embarrassment if tragedy strikes their parsonage family.

We are thrilled at the number of churches starting a ministry for older adults. Many have a weekly or monthly meeting with activities planned to help meet the needs of this fast growing group in our churches. Older adults are becoming aware of the experience and talent they have to give to the service of the church. Our department is ready to help you develop a ministry for older adults in your church and community.

Another aspect of interest among our people is pre-retirement planning. There is a growing desire among our constituency to serve God throughout the entire life span. Most people have at least 10 to 15 years of active service for the Lord after retirement. But to make the most of those years, preparation must be made before retirement. Write our office concerning services available to you.

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As we pause to celebrate our birthday, we can be thankful for God's blessings upon us. The past 250 years have been good. The past year, 1976, was a good year. With grateful hearts, we received your gifts and assurances that you are praying for this ministry. Thank you. Look on the chart printed on the back of this letter to see what you helped us accomplish during 1976.

Sincerely,

Herman L. Hersey
Director
Board of Retirement

GIFTS BY STATES

	<u>Total 1976</u>	<u>Total 1975</u>	<u>1978 Quota</u>
Alabama	\$ 1,949.43	\$ 2,561.64	\$ 3,500.00
Alaska	32.00	12.00	50.00
Arizona	69.00	63.24	200.00
Arkansas	1,854.40	1,366.21	2,500.00
California	1,469.50	1,039.50	2,000.00
Florida	942.69	763.54	1,200.00
Georgia	515.31	352.45	1,250.00
Hawaii	112.00	12.00	100.00
Idaho	22.90	21.23	100.00
Illinois	1,171.62	1,457.75	2,000.00
Indiana	794.59	723.40	1,200.00
Iowa	171.50	76.95	250.00
Kansas	220.10	208.52	400.00
Kentucky	292.00	218.79	400.00
Maryland	169.02	339.39	600.00
Michigan	984.03	1,564.78	2,000.00
Minnesota	-0-	-0-	50.00
Mississippi	821.00	772.89	1,225.00
Missouri	3,246.01	2,294.19	3,500.00
New Mexico	13.56	9.57	50.00
North Carolina	2,197.75	1,927.88	3,000.00
N.E. Association	36.59	36.00	100.00
N.W. Association	41.21	43.80	100.00
Ohio	2,149.61	693.03	2,500.00
Oklahoma	5,707.42	4,466.22	6,000.00
South Carolina	1,055.13	1,108.13	1,800.00
Tennessee	2,894.34	2,469.22	3,600.00
Texas	744.90	205.08	1,500.00
Virgin Islands	51.22	-0-	75.00
Virginia	695.80	775.18	1,200.00
West Virginia	410.00	670.00	1,000.00
Wyoming	-0-	-0-	50.00
WNAC	864.55	832.93	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>56.52</u>	<u>13.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
TOTAL	\$31,755.70	\$27,098.51	\$45,000.00

MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION

SPRINGFIELD, MO

JUNE 7-9, 1977

Dear Friends in Christ:

HEARTFELT GREETINGS are expressed to each of you by your Foreign Missions Department and by the 99 missionaries now serving in 8 countries of the world and preparing for language study and the field.

THE MISSIONARIES ARE GRATEFUL for your prayers and support. Along with General Director Rolla Smith, Harold Critcher, Don Robirds and the entire office staff, I want to say a big "thank you" for enabling us to reach more of this world's people in the lands beyond our shores.

THE YEAR 1976 was the best yet in the history of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department. We recorded the highest month, income-wise. In December, the total receipts amounted to \$138,764.51. Total Income for the year came to \$1,246,751.75. This is indeed a tremendous accomplishment for Free Will Baptists. YOUR FAITHFUL GIFTS MADE THIS POSSIBLE.

FAITH PROMISE RESPONSE also reached an all-time high last year. Those recorded as a result of my personal itinerary totaled \$12,829.60 MONTHLY. Gratifying indeed was the fact that nearly \$10,000.00 of the amount promised monthly was new support. This makes an annual total of \$153,955.20 in faith promises. AGAIN GLORY AND PRAISE TO OUR WONDERFUL LORD.

YOUR STATE GIFTS to Foreign Missions over the past four years reflect the following:

1973	1974	1975	1976	1977 thru March
\$86,749.06	\$75,703.93	\$93,084.67	\$110,219.12	\$27,805.63

You Exceeded your 1976 quota of \$96,000 by \$14,219.12. Praise the Lord! Your state quota for 1977 is \$110,000.

LAST YEAR 17 STATES surpassed their quotas. Five did so by more than \$10,000.00. These states are: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Montana, Northwest Association, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas.

AVERAGE MONTHLY GIVING FOR 1976 totaled \$103,865.98. However, the proposed budget for 1977 as approved by our National Association calls for \$1,415,865.00. Think of it! Nearly a million and a half dollars. AN AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME OF \$117,155.42 will be necessary to reach this record budget.

SEVERAL MORE APPOINTEES graduated from Missionary Internship in May, and are now on their deputational ministry. They are: Jim and Karen Cowart (Brazil), Ledgel and Sharon Ferguson (Ivory Coast), John and Pansy Murray (France), and Charolette Talent (France). Each of these will need their monthly support underwritten and at least \$20,000.00 accumulated in their account before being approved for departure. WE COVET YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT.

STILL OTHER APPOINTEES are currently engaged in deputation and hope to enter language study later this year. This group includes: Ron and Linda Callaway (Spain), Patrick and Susan Dickens (Ivory Coast), Clint and Lynette Morgan (Ivory Coast), Jim and Susan Moser (Brazil), and Arilla Wode (Ivory Coast).

TEN SUMMER MISSIONARIES departed for a 10-week stay at several of our regular fields. The following left the last of May and will return the last week in July: June Arnold - Oklahoma (Panama), Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bunch - Oklahoma (Brazil), Tom Diamond - Kentucky (Ivory Coast), Glenn Harlinger - Iowa (Japan), Mark King - Illinois (Ivory Coast), Lynn Midgett - Oklahoma (Panama), Sandra Tucker - Alabama (Brazil), and Mrs. and Mr. Jeff Turnbough - Tennessee (Ivory Coast).

While our reports usually reflect much about the financial response from across our denomination and the need for more funds, not to be overlooked are the hundreds of decisions recorded each year for missionary and full-time service, rededication, full surrender and salvation. If the ministry of our department is limited to a mere fund raising it cannot expect to have lasting results among our pastors and people.

When the Bible basis for sharing Christ around the world is set forth in the missionary conference, the Holy Spirit begins to do His work of convicting and convincing the saints to follow Biblical commands to make Christ known "among all nations" and to "every creatures."

In his book, A BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS, George W. Peters outlines the Great Commission as follows:

1. The power (sovereignty) of the King- "All authority."
2. The purpose of the King- "Making disciples."
3. The precept of the King- "Going-baptizing-teaching."
4. The presence of the King- "I am with you,"

According to Dr. Peters, "Christ, in Matt. 28:18-20, bodily declares Himself as the sovereign Lord who has the authority to send His ambassadors into all the world without geographical limitations."

To this end we remain committed. To this end we strive to enlist more pastors and churches. To this end we seek for a fresh anointing from God to fulfill his mandate and to send forth the glad tidings of salvation to the ends of the earth.

Gratefully yours,

Henry Van Kluyve
Director of Deputation
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department

P.S. OUR GOAL FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS IN 1945 WAS \$40,000.00.
WE'VE COME A LONG WAY!

HOME MISSION BOARD
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
POST OFFICE BOX 1088
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202
615-361-1010

Dear Friends in Missouri:

I bring greetings from Rev. Robert Shockey, General Director, Missionaries, Chaplains, Board members, and Staff.

MEET OUR NEW MISSIONARIES:

J.D. Norris, Tallahassee, Florida; Jesse Dunns, Salem, Oregon; Tom Street, Wheeling West Virginia; Bob Francis, St. Paul, Minn.; Wallace Hayes, Lebanon, Tennessee; Robert Helms, Evansville, Ind.; Wayne Phillips, Enterprise, Alabama; Sanford Davis, Temple, Texas; Bill Adkisson, Newark, Ohio; Mark Vandivort, Flagstaff, Arizona; Jim Williams, Mexico; and Melvin Clark, Mexico.

MILESTONES WE HAVE CROSSED:

- * Souls saved in 1976!
- * Buildings built in 1976!
- * Churches became self supporting in 1976!
- * Missionaries went to the field in 1976!

MONEY FREE WILL BAPTISTS HAVE GIVEN:

Home Missions receipts by December 31, 1976 totaled \$571,240.05 toward our quota of \$608,500.00. Your state has given, as of May 1, 1977, a total of \$15,454.33 toward its quota of \$25,000.00. We thank you for your gifts and will see that they are used to reach souls for Christ and build Free Will Baptist churches.

MANDATES FOR 1977:

1. Increase our number of missionary couples to 50.
2. See 100 churches started in all ways.
3. Make 10 present Home Mission projects self supporting.
4. Enter 1 of 10 fastest growing cities in America.
5. Open one new state. (10 have no F.W.B. Churches.)
6. Conduct two evangelism conferences.
7. Conduct 50 home missions rallies.
8. Reach our budget of \$696,000.00.

ON THE BACK ARE WAYS YOU CAN HELP!!!!

In His service,

Roy Thomas
Associate Director

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- * 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 Vacation Bible School 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 Money for Mormon Country, (Property fund for Home Missions project to Pocatello, Idaho where Harley Bennett is pastor).
- * Schedule missionaries in your church when they are itinerating in your area.
- * Give a generous offering on Home Missions Sunday, November 20, 1977.
- * 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!

MEET OUR MISSIONARIES:

Bill Adkisson, Ohio
Jerry Barron, Mexico
Bobby Beavers, Texas
Harley Bennett, Idaho
David Bigger, Oklahoma
Melvin Clark, Mexico
Frank Cousineau, Montana
Sanford Davis, Texas
Buddy Drake, Oklahoma
Jesse Dunn, Oregon
Joe England, Tennessee
Bob Francis, Minnesota
J.L. Gore, Mississippi
Charles Harris, Colorado
Wallace Hayes, Tennessee
Robert Helms, Indiana
John Hollis, Illinois
Leland Horton, Iowa
Butch Johns, California
Norlin Jones, Florida
Vergel Maness, Delaware
Steve Nichols, Mississippi
J.D. Norris, Florida
Wayne Phillips, Alabama
Larry Powell, Texas
Jerry Presley, Tennessee
Paul Reid, South Carolina
Larry Russell, Louisiana
Randy Ruth, Minnesota
Jason Salyer, North Carolina
Arnold Shrewsbury, Ohio
Dale Smith, Missouri
Karel Smith, New Mexico
Rue Dell Smith, Kansas
Tom Street, West Virginia
Bob Thomas, Colorado
Mark Vandivort, Arizona
Jim Williams, Mexico
Robert Wood, Georgia

Larry Cusick, Chaplain
Walter Golding, Chaplain
Gerlad Mangham, Chaplain
Glenn Bobo, C.A.P.

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
DR. MALCOLM C. FRY, general director

P.O. Box 1088
Nashville, Tennessee 37202

June 7, 1977

TO: The Moderator, Clerk, Delegates and Visitors
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists
Convening June 7, 1977

Greetings in the wonderful Name above all names--the Lord
Jesus Christ!

We trust that the Lord will bless your associational meeting
in a most unusual way.

One of our goals this year is to be of service to more of your
churches. We presently serve 28 of the 156 in your state. I
am personally convinced that training (CTS is graded for the
whole family) is the key to stabilization and multiplication
of the local church's ministry. We are counting on the Free
Will Baptist churches in Missouri to aid us in living up to
our last name--SERVICE!

Your prayers are requested as we plan for our National Youth
Conference at Cobo Hall in Detroit, Michigan, July 17-21.
This year's theme is "Jesus Christ...Lord of All" (Acts 10:36).
The overall purpose and/or objective of our theme is to
challenge our youth to acquiesce the whole of their life
and being to the Lordship of Jesus Christ! All the youth
activities will be under one roof, except for the evening
services and two special events. Pray for the volunteer
workers, the special musci, the programming, and our special
speaker; Reverend Billy M. Bevan, pastor of the Tupelo Free
Will Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Calendar Sunday, July 10, 1977, as NYC '77 Day of Prayer.
Pray not only for safety of travel but also for the dress
and conduct of our young people. I personally believe that
in this day and age we dare not lower our standards, and it
is my desire that we may always be proud of our Free Will
Baptist youth. Thank you for caring!

Sincerely in Christ,

Malcolm C. Fry
General Director

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