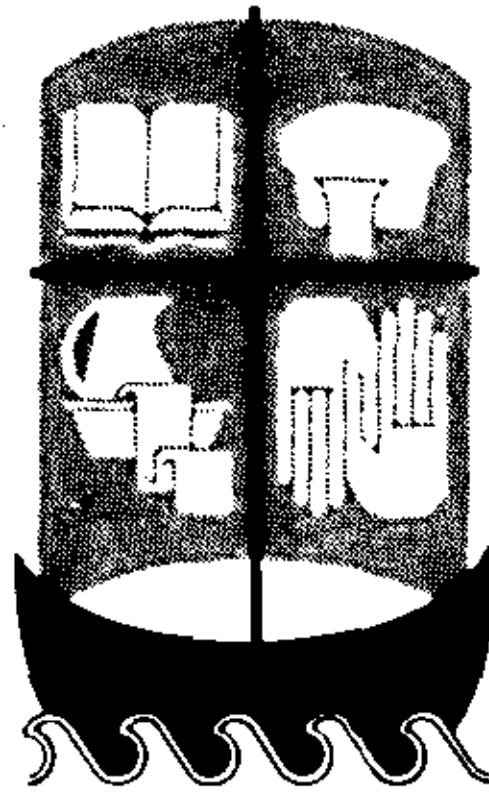


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of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1983



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Rev. Cliff Bowman.....1 Yr. 1984
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Rev. Glenn Rehkop.....5 Yr. 1988
Rev. Dale Underwood.....4 Yr. 1987
Rev. Roger Harwell.....3 Yr. 1986
Rev. Cliff Bowman.....2 Yr. 1985
Rev. Ted Wilbanks.....1 Yr. 1984

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Rev. Dale Skiles.....5 Yr. 1988
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Rev. Max Courtney.....3 Yr. 1986
Rev. Bud Arnold.....2 Yr. 1985
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Rev. Howard Gwartney.....	5 Yr.	1988
Rev. Ken Petty.....	4 Yr.	1987
Rev. Jack Keesling.....	3 Yr.	1986
Mr. Richard Pointer.....	2 Yr.	1985
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Mr. Gene Wilfong.....	5 Yr.	1988
Rev. Greg McAllister.....	4 Yr.	1987
Rev. Steve Hale.....	3 Yr.	1986
Rev. Tim Eaton.....	2 Yr.	1985
Rev. Bob Francis.....	1 Yr.	1984

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Rev. Stanley Jones.....	5 Yr.	1988
Rev. Jim McAllister.....	4 Yr.	1987
Mr. Don Ruble.....	3 Yr.	1986
Rev. John Postewaite.....	2 Yr.	1985
Rev. Glen Murray.....	1 Yr.	1984

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Rev. Clarence Burton.....	Board of Administration
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OTHER

National Association General Board Member...	Rev. Millard Sasser
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Hillsdale Representative.....	Rev. Richard Robinson

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Marion F. Allsman
E. Edward Altis
Earl Ames
Bud Arnold
Harry R. Asher
James Barker
Harry Beatty
Edwin Bowden
Cliff Bowman
Dennis Bowman
Joe B. Braddy
Stan Bunch
Clarence Burton
Dale Cochran
Ralph Cook
Max Courtney
Jewell Craig
Gene Crewse
James Crawford
H. T. Dann
Willard R. Darnece
Lester O. Davis
Ford Day
Bob Dickey
Jack Dinwiddle

Danny Douglas
Lloyd Durbin
Timothy W. Eaton
Bill Eden
John A. England
Robert A. Francis
Cody Freeman
Gary Fry
Ken Goff
Howard Gwartney
Warren Hall
Roger Harwell
R. E. Helsley
Roger L. Hogan
Stanley E. Jones
Dale Kester
Lester Lemons
Guy Leonard
Henry Long
Donovan E. Maxwell
Greg McAllister
James McAllister
John McClure
James McCully
Mark Merryfield

James Mertz
Raymond Michael
Glenn Murray
Cletus Nichols
Jerry L. Norris
Lester Nutting
Wayne Phillips
John J. Postlewaite
Steve Reeves
Glenn Rehkop
Richard Robinson
Nathan Ruble
Millard Sasser
Jerry Scott
Robert R. Sharry
Gary G. Sheets
Dale Skiles
Rolla Smith
James C. Stovall
Grover Terry
John Turner
Ted Willanks
John Williams
Ollie Wright

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Earnest Adkisson
Eudene Adkisson
Mrs. Dale Allsman
Leola Ames
Diana Anderson
Doris Arnold
Mrs. Geneva Barker
Lucille Beatty
Shirley Bowden
Frances Bowman
Jeannie Bowman
Patsy Braddy
Opal Breakfield
Lee Bunton
Virginia Bunton
Vivian Burton
Twilla E. Butler
Genevieve Caldwell
Ulus Caldwell
Glynn Campbell
Lottie Campbell
Lena Cheek
Hazel Covington

Marvin Cook
Opal Cook
Sue Cook
Cleo Covington
Leo Coy
Zula Craig
Dottie Crewse
Lela Dann
Margeririte Darnell
Freda Day
Dorothy Dickey
Geraldine Dickens
Myra Douglas
Jo Ellen Drake
Thomas L. Drake
Janice Durbin
Betsy Earls
Douglas Earls
Martha Eaton
Mrs. Bill Eden
Deborah England
Loyd Graham
Jean Frances

Mrs. Hershel Freeman
Len Gardner
Lucille Gardner
Judy Goff
John A. Grider
Thora Grider
Patsy Griffin
Patsy Gwartney
Burl Halliburton
Mary Halliburton
Essie Hamilton
Shelva Hart
Barbara Harwell
Edith Headley
Rose Helsley
Dave Hocker
Maureen Hocker
Carolyn A. Hogan
Alice Hoover
Mary Alice Hosiner
Phillip Hosiner
Glenda Jones
Scott Kasterke

Registration Continued, Delegates:

Vesta Kasterke
Joyce Keen
Glenda Keith
A. C. Kennedy
Leaman Killian
Carl Layman
Mildred Layman
Charlotte Lemons
Cleo Leonard
Warren Livingston
Lola Lasig
Chuck Lotz
Michael Lovato
Arthur Lund
Ruth Lund
Debbie McAllister
Helen McAllister
Paula McClure
Louise McCully
Debra Merryfield

Rose Mertz
Debbie Michael
Gladys Montgomery
Woodrow Montgomery
Dorothy Mosier
Lisa M. Munn
Phillip E. Munn, Jr.
Rachel Murray
Darline Neill
Lee Neill
Hilda Nichols
Effie Peterson
Ben Pohnert
Lorene Pohnert
Leah Postlewaite
Linda Reeves
Evelyn Rehkop
Chuck Reynolds
Betty Robinson
Judith Ruble

Leo J. Ruble
Mary Ruble
Allen Sanders
Linda Sanders
Forene Schebaum
Tommie Ann Sharry
Betty Sheets
Elaine Skiles
Harold Smith
Juanita Smith
Hurshel Stigall
Emma Stovall
Agnes Terry
Jay Tilson
Karla Turner
Kaye Wilbanks
ViAnn Tilson
Blanche Wisehart
George and Mary Wood
Phyllis Wright

Vistors

Pauline Adams
Barbara Agan
Rachelle Agan
Tara Agan
Ella Atwell
Judy Bailey
Ken Bailey
Helen Bales
Sissy Bales
Claude Barber
Deloris Bennett
Ronnie Blackwell
David Bowman
Jean Bowman
Stephen Bowman
Teresa Bradley
Clifford Brawley
Dorothy Brawley
Mark Brawley
Barbie Breakfield
Betty Bryan
Bob Bryan
Larry Butler
Madonna Butler
Michael A. Clancy
Lavern Clark
Vinita Claxton
Jeff Cole
Lavery Cook
Barbara Cox

Mrs. Lee Cox
Betty Dale
Helen Dixon
Lillie Dixon
Wayne Dixon
David Douglas
Charlie Dowell
Stephanie Draheim
David Drake
Joseph Drake
Richard Drake
Deborah Fincher
Jackie Fincher
Evan Gallant
Richard Gallant
Kay Gan
Ila Garrett
Jeremy Garrison
Joseph Garrison
Kathy Garrison
Roger Garrison
Edna Hall
Leonard Hall
Joan Harker
Cathy Harper
Daisy Harper
Freda Hays
Jim Hays
Ruth Hickman
Lois Hightower

Roberta Hooss
Verna Jo Hurtt
Aaron E. Jones
Becky Jones
Rachel Jones
Willard Keen
Cindy Keesling
Jack Keesling
Susan Keesling
Wanda Keith
Mr. & Mrs. Irving Keller
Misty Larton
Tonya Larton
Jim Lauthern
Isabelle Leftridge
Belinda Letterman
Shirley Lotz
Kathy Matthews
Daniel Maxwell
Ruby McAllister
J.P. McClure
Nikki McClure
Rejina McClure
Dale McCurry
Marge McCurry
Amanda McGuire
Clinton McGuire
Lorene McGuire
J. D. McGuire
Jerry McGuire

Registration Continued; Visitors:

Jim McLain	A. L. Powell	✓ Roy Thomas
Linda McQuarter	Mr. & Mrs. Fletcher Riley	Roy Thoneau
Lori McQuarter	Melinda Robinson	Art Vandergrift
Stacie McQuarter	Chad Ronsick	Mrs. Art Vandergrift
Dr. Billie A. Melvin	Arthur Shannon	Mrs. Edna Vandergrift
Lena Mae Miser	Pansy Shannon	Mary Vandergrift
Donna Mitchell	Kim Sharry	Doyle VanGenderen
Eva Marie Munn	Agnes Smith	Ruth VanGenderen
Paulette Munn	Cathern Smith	Edwin L. Wade
Phillip Nichols	John B. Smith, Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Wantland
Olena McLain	Judy Smith	Allison Wilfong
Carol Pinkerton	N. R. Smith	Barbara Wilfong
Jerry Pinkerton	Cleta Standefer	Gene Wilfong
Lee Pitts	Bonnie Stansbarger	Jim Williams
Pauline Postlewaite	Larry D. Stephens	Virgie Wisehart
		✓ Dr. Melvin Worthington

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

When convened at the Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri.

Tuesday, June 7, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

The seventieth session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Tuesday evening, June 7, 1983, at 7:30 p.m., at the Nelson Community Center, Lebanon, Missouri. The service was opened with Rev. Howard Gwartney leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

Rev. Clarence Burton led in prayer and the Rev. Howard Gwartney led the congregation in singing "It Is Joy Unspeakable."

The clerk, Rev. Joe Braddy, officially declared the Missouri State Association in session for 1983. He then introduced the guests on the platform.

The Rev. Bud Arnold, pastor of the Hartville Church, extended a welcome to the Association and the Rev. Robert Sharpy, pastor of the O'Fallon Church gave a response.

The Moderator, Rev. Millard Sasser, was introduced and he delivered the Moderator's message using Luke 9:49-50 as his text. His thought was "We are Laborers Together."

Special music was given by Laverne Clark, "It is My Desire," and by the Mountain Grover Trio, "Peace in the Midst of the Storm" and "Rock of Ages Hide Thou Me."

An offering for the Association expenses was received following a prayer by Rev. Millard Sasser.

Following the offering a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. Ronald Creech.

Moderator Millard Sasser, introduced the Rev. R. E. Helsley to deliver the keynote message using Acts 28:30-31 to develop the theme of "Proclaiming With All Confidence." Brother Helsley's thought was "Proclaiming All Confidence In The Lord."

The Moderator made announcements and read the Committee on Committees' report.

The evening service was dismissed by prayer led by Rev. Nathan Ruble.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983, 9:00 a.m.

The Moderator called the session to order and the Rev. Howard Gwartney led the congregation in singing "I Stand Amazed." Followed was prayer led by Rev. Gary Fry.

Rev. Glenn Campbell brought a devotion from Deut. 30:19 using "Life and Death" as his topic.

The Credentials Committee's Report was read. MSC to receive the report and seat the delegates.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the visitors. The following organizations were represented as follows:

California Christian College.....John Smith
National Executive Secretary.....Melvin Worthington
Hillsdale College.....Edwin Wade
National Home Missions.....Roy Thomas
National Foreign Missions.....Rolla Smith
Sunday School and Master's Men.....Jim Lauthern
NAE.....Billy Melvin
National Retirement and Insurance.....Herman Hersey
World Vision.....Malcolm Eudaley

MSC to receive the General Board Report and consider it item by item.

Item #1. MSC that \$3,000.00 from the General Fund, and \$3,000.00 from the Promotional Department, and what the Book Store contributes to the Cooperative Fund annually, be taken and placed into a special fund for constructing a new office-conference building for the State Office, providing the money is available in the above accounts.

Item #2. MSC to change the allocations of the Cooperative Plan (See Budget Report for details).

Item #3. MSC to take 1% of the General Fund and put it in the Promotional Department.

Item #4. MSC that each standing board, state treasurer, and the Book Store supply a list of all assets in their annual report. This should include all office equipment, audio visuals, properties, notes receivables, inventories, machinery and etc. This will provide a central record of all property in case of a natural disaster and it will be helpful in the changing of board personnel.

Item #5. MSC that the Missouri State Association increase the present contribution made to the Missouri State Retirement Program by \$5.00 per month for each participant.

Item #6. MSC to adopt the budget of \$230,000.00.

Item #7. MSC that the contributions of the Cooperative Plan to the National Association be sent undesignated.

Dr. Melvin Worthington gave the National Executive Office report. The report was received as information.

Item #8. MSC to table this until Thursday.

The following articles of the Constitution and By-Laws require a change in the Constitution. Therefore a MSC to table them until Thursday's session:

Article 13

Article 14

Article 48

Article 50

A report from NAE was given by Dr. Billy Melvin. He suggested that each person contact his congressman concerning Discharge Petition No. 3. The report was received as an item of information.

Rev. Ted Wilbanks gave a report on the NAE Stewardship Commission. MSC to receive the report as information.

MSC to lay Article 20 on the table until Thursday.

Item #9. MSC that the State Association recommend to the National Association that all standing delegates be required to pay a registration fee of \$10.00, and that the convention offerings be distributed equally among the denominational ministries.

Brother Jim Lauthern gave a report on the National Sunday School Department and the National Layman's Board. The report was received as information.

Item #10. MSC that the State Association invite the National Association to Kansas City, Missouri in 1988.

Item #11. MSC that the State of Missouri have a Ken and Judy Bailey Day on September 18 to raise funds necessary for them to enter the mission field.

Item #12. MSC that the Wednesday evening missionary offering be divided equally between Jim Williams and Ken Bailey.

Item #13. MSC that the State Association receive and adopt the Study Committee's Report item by item.

President John Smith gave a report of California Christian College. The report was received as information.

The Moderator declared a recess until the morning worship hour. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty.

Wednesday Morning, 11:00 Worship

The Wednesday morning worship opened with singing "Faith is the Victory" led by Rev. Howard Gwartney. Special music was given by Rev. Ted Wilbanks, "My Saviour First of All." Brother Gwartney led the congregation in another hymn "At Calvary." Brother Grover Terry introduced Rev. John Smith as

the morning speaker. Brother Smith used the theme of "All confidence in The Bible" as his thought taken from Acts 28:31.

Mr. Charlie Hoover dismissed the service in prayer.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983, 1:30 p.m.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Howard Gwartney. Brother Bud Arnold led in prayer.

A devotion was given by Rev. Earl Ames using I Peter 4:17 for his text. His thought was "Evaluation."

Business resumed with a report from National Foreign Missions Department given by Rev. Rolla Smith. Report was received as information.

Study Committee's Report continued: (See report)

MSC to adopt the Purpose of the Committee's report.

MSC to adopt the Recommendations of the Committee's report, Items 1, 2, and 3.

MSC to adopt Where Do We Want To Be Ten Years From Now? section of the Committee's report.

MSC to adopt the section concerning the Executive Secretary and Promotional Department of the Committee's report as amended. (See Committee's report on following pages).

A report of National Home Missions was given by Rev. Roy Thomas. Report was received as information.

MSC to adopt the Christian Education section of the Study Committee's report.

MSC to adopt the Sunday School/C.T.S. section of the Committee's report.

Rev. Herman Hersey gave a report from the National Retirement and Insurance Department, and the Free Will Baptist Foundation. These reports were received as information.

Rev. Clarence Burton gave a report from the Promotional Department. MSC to receive and adopt his report.

A report from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College was given by President Edwin Wade. The report was received as an item of information.

Brother Warren Livingston gave the Book Store report. MSC to receive the report.

MSC to recess until Thursday morning. Dismissed in prayer by Dr. N.R. Smith.

Wednesday, June 8, 1983, 7:30 p.m.

The Reverend Glen Rehkop presided over the Wednesday evening service. The service was opened with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises" led by Reverend Howard Gwartney. Brother James Barker led in prayer.

Special music was given by the Ladies Trio from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Lebanon; Barbara Agan, Jean Bowman, and Linda McQuenter.

Brother Glenn Rehkop prayed the Offertory Prayer, and then received the evening offering.

The congregation sang "Faith is the Victory" and Brother Rehkop introduced the Jones Family who sang two songs, "I Cried Holy," and "Enough Love."

The Reverend Malcolm Eudaley from World Vision gave a report of their work and emphasized the Cairo, Egypt project. The report was given as an item of information.

Brother Rehkop introduced the Reverend Cliff Bowman who continued to develop the convention theme by speaking on the subject of "All Confidence in the Church," using Acts 28:31.

The Reverend Eddie Altus prayed the dismissal prayer.

Thursday, June 9, 1983, 9:00 a.m.

The Thursday morning session was opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven." The Reverend Wayne Phillips led in prayer.

A devotion entitled "God Makes The Preacher" was given by the Reverend Roger Hogan, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Cape Girardeau.

The Moderator, Rev. Millard Sasser, presented a plaque to Reverend Dale Skiles in appreciation for his service as moderator, 1979-82.

A report from the Home Missions Board was given by the Chairman, Rev. Cliff Bowman. MSC to receive and adopt this report.

The Youth Camp Board's report was given by Rev. Ken Goff, Chairman. MSC to receive and adopt this report.

Brother Gene Wilfong, Chairman of the C.E. Board, gave his report. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

A report of the Sunday School/C.T.S. Board was given by its Chairman, Brother Howard Gwartney. MSC to receive and adopt this report.

Shirley Bowden gave the report for the Woman's Auxiliary of Missouri. MSC to receive this report as an item of information.

MSC to remove those items requiring a Constitutional change from the table.

Thursday morning session, continued:

Article 13. MSC to accept the proposed revision (see section on By-Laws).

Article 14. MSC to accept the proposed revision as amended (see section on By-Laws).

Article 48. MSC to receive and adopt the proposed revision (see section on By-Laws).

Article 50. MSC to receive and adopt the revision of this article (see section on By-Laws).

Article 20. MSC to accept the revision of this article (see section on By-Laws).

Article 37. MSC to accept the revision of this article (see section on By-Laws).

The Resolution Report was read. MSC to receive and adopt the report item by item. (See Resolution Committee's Report)

Item 1. MSC to adopt.

Item 2. MSC to adopt.

Item 3. MSC to adopt.

Item 4. MSC to adopt.

Item 5. MSC to adopt.

Item 6. MSC to adopt.

Item 7. MSC to adopt.

Item 8. MSC to adopt.

Motion/Seconded/Carried to receive the Obituary Committee's report. The congregation stood for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased.

The Placement Committee's report was read to have the State Convention at Lebanon in 1984. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

MSC to have the Clerk to send a letter to the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce expressing the Association's gratitude for the use of the Nelson Community Center, and that the General Board appoint a committee to work with Brother Burton in the future concerning the placement of the State Association's meeting places.

MSC to have the General Board and the Executive Committee to employ a secretary to work during the State Convention to help with the clerical work of the Association while it convenes.

Brother Burton gave the registration report: 347 registered for the convention; \$376.00 for the Wednesday evening offering.

MSC to receive the Nominating Committee's Report and adopt it item by item.

MSC to receive and elect the nominees as presented in the committees report.

Thursday Morning Session, Continued:

Nominations were received for delegates to the National Association to be held in Columbus, Ohio. The nominees were Jack Smith, Dr. Dale Derby, Cleo Leonard, Allen Pointer, and Barbara Harwell. MSC to elect these by acclamation.

MSC to adjourn this Seventieth Session of the Missouri State Association.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Dickey.

Thursday, June 9, 1983, 11:00 A.M.

The Reverend Tom Drake presided at the morning worship service. Rev. Howard Gwartney led the congregation in singing "O How Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Rev. Jim Mertz led in prayer.

Special music was given by Howard and Patsy Gwartney, "O What A Promise," and "Heaven's Sweet Rose."

Brother Drake introduced the Rev. Ted Wilbanks as the morning speaker. Brother Wilbanks developed the convention theme by preaching on "All Confidence in Our Denomination," using Acts 28:31; Ephesians 4:13.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Millard Sasser.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following committees to serve during this session of the Missouri State Association.

Nominating Committee

Glen Rehkop, Chairman
Stanley Jones
Cletus Nichols
Cody Freeman
Tom Drake

Obituary Committee

Harry Beatty, Chairman
Roger Hogan
Raymond Michael
Cecil Campbell
Grover Terry

Resolutions Committee

Jim McAllister, Chairman
Gary Fry
Gene Crewse
Bob Dickey
Ken Goff

Credentials Committee

Jim Mertz, Chairman
Harry Asher
Steve Reeves
Robert Sharpy
James Barker

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Skiles, Chairman
John Turner

Tim Eaton
Wayne Phillips

Glen Murray

REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOARD

- Item 1. We recommend that \$3,000.00 be taken from the General Fund, and \$3,000.00 be taken from the Promotional Department along with what the Bookstore contributes to the Cooperative Plan annually, and place this money into a special fund for constructing a new office-conference building for the State Office, providing the money is available in the above accounts.
- Item 2. The allocations of the Cooperative Plan be as follows:
- 18.50% Missouri State Home Missions
 - 16.75% Promotional Department and Gem
 - 3.50% General Fund
 - 6.50% Youth Camp
 - 1.75% Christian Board of Education
 - 1.75% Sunday School/C.T.S. Board
 - 6.75% Retirement Village
 - 5.00% Retirement Program
 - 6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
 - 33.50% National Association (Undesignated)
- Item 3. That 1% of the General Fund be given to the Promotional Department.
- Item 4. That each standing board, state treasurer, and the Book Store supply a list of all assets in their annual report. This should include all office equipment, audio visuals, properties, notes receivables, inventories, machinery and etc. This will provide a central record of all properties in case of a natural disaster and it will be helpful in the changing of board personnel.
- Item 5. That the Missouri State Association increase the present contribution made to the Missouri State Retirement Program by \$5.00 per month for each participant.
- Item 6. The proposed budget of \$230,000.00 be adopted.
- Item 7. That the contributions of the Cooperative Plan to the National Association be undesignated.
- Item 8. That the present date of the Missouri State Association be changed to the first Wednesday following the last Sunday in May. This is to start in 1984. (This item will require a constitutional change.)
- Item 9. That the State Association recommend to the National Association that all standing delegates be required to pay a registration fee of \$10.00, and that the convention offering be distributed equally among the denominational ministries.
- Item 10. That the State Association invite the National Association to Missouri (Kansas City) in 1988.

Report of the General Board, Continued:

- Item 11. That the State of Missouri have a Ken and Judy Bailey Day on September 18 in order to raise the necessary funds to enter the mission field (Japan).
- Item 12. That the Wednesday evening Missionary offering be divided equally between Jim Williams and Ken Bailey.
- Item 13. That the State Association receive and adopt the Study Committee's Report (See Report).

STUDY COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Subject: Planning and study for the progress of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Purpose: Whereas there seems to be a need for a greater degree of cohesiveness in our state program as far as one Board's relationship to another; and

Whereas there seems to be a need for greater unity in our work between the various departments; and

Whereas there does not seem to be any corporate vision for the total ministry of our State Association;

This committee has been appointed to make a diligent study of our problems as well as opportunities, and offer some positive recommendations. This committee should be considered a "think tank."

Personalities are not involved. We realize that all the various programs of our State Association have proved to be a real blessing in the past, and are yet blessing hundreds of people. They have all evolved through the combined dedicated and sacrificial work of many men and women.

However, bold steps need to be taken in every department and the work must be coordinated across the State. We are entering a new stage of possible growth. It seems to us that it is time for a combined and unified program that will move forward in each department with each board cooperating in the dreams of the State Association.

We therefore submit the results of this study which will include both the pros and cons of each department's work, as well as suggestions for each department and board of the State Association as they relate to the overall state program.

A. Recommendations to be considered by the General Board:

- 1. Each board and department present a budget to the State Association in the 1984 convention for the April 1, 1984 through December 31, 1984 period. Also, they must

Study Committee's Report, Continued:

present another budget for January 1 through December 31, 1985 (See Article 49 of By-Laws).

2. The Executive Committee be directed to thoroughly examine the possibility of a deferred giving program to undergird the work of our various departments, and if deemed practical, bring a proposal to the General Board for discussion. This would also include the possibility of a state stewardship director in the future.
 3. That this committee be continued at least one more year.
- B. Where do we want to be ten years from now?
1. Sunday School average attendance increase by 1,000 annually for the next 10 years.
 2. Increase our number of churches in Missouri by two per year for the next 10 years.
 3. Establish two satellite book stores.
 4. Youth Camp go to eight weeks each summer with projected attendance of 1,600.
 5. Retirement Village build and sell 10 quadplexes and 20 lots.
 6. Executive office building on Retirement Village grounds.
 7. Christian Education Board establish a sound program of Bible Institutes on local church level.
 8. Increase Missouri Free Will Baptist membership by 1,000 members each year for 10 years.
 9. Baptize 1,000 persons per year for 10 years.
 10. Executive Secretary serving as treasurer for all boards.
 11. A stewardship director on the field.
 12. Annual revival with at least 100 churches cooperating.
 13. Co-op receipts average \$500,000 by the end of 10 years.
 14. Establish a workable financial program for Missouri's support to all denominational ministries.

C. Article 13.

The duty of each standing board shall be to:

1. Plan and supervise both short and long range programs of ministry.
2. Manage as good stewards, all funds and properties entrusted to its care.
3. Annually submit a detailed budget for approval by the State Association. The budget shall include:
 - a. Projected income along with expected sources of income.
 - b. Projects planned and the cost of said projects.

Study Committee's Report, Continued:

c. Maintenance along with it's cost.

4. Work in harmony with and toward the common vision of the State Association.

D. Article 14.

No board shall initiate any litigation in pursuit of it's ministry. Neither shall any board enter into any litigation in the pursuit of it's ministry except as required because suit has been initiated against the board. The only exception is that which the State Association may authorize while in session, or the General Board may authorize when the State Association is not in session.

E. Article 48 (now 49).

The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the 31st day of December of each year.

E. Article 50 (now 51).

No loans shall be contracted, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued for which the State Association shall be legally or morally responsible except as approved by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in session, or by the General Board while in session.

F. Executive Secretary and Promotional Department.

1. Suggest we plan to construct an Executive Office on the Retirement Village property.

2. Suggest all boards invite and urge the Executive Secretary to attend all State Board meetings and serve as coordinator of these boards and committees. He should be an ex-officio member of all boards.

3. Suggest the Executive Secretary attend NAE Convention annually prerepresenting Missouri Free Will Baptists.

4. Suggest the Executive Secretary have a full-time secretary, 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, with full-time pay, to be set by the Executive Committee. This is to be implemented as soon as possible.

5. Executive Secretary serve as pastor to our pastors in Missouri.

6. Suggest that the Executive Secretary be used as a help to younger pastors in developing strong denominational churches.

7. Executive Secretary should conduct a seminar for pastors annually.

8. Executive Secretary serve as coordinator over Lebanon Bible and Book Store.

Study Committee's Report, Continued:

9. Executive Secretary edit the "Gem" and use it profitably to promote our State work.
10. Executive Secretary and his wife attend all District, State, and National Association conventions; and that they be reimbursed for all expenses incurred in relationship to the State work.

G. Christian Education.

1. Continue to promote and improve MBI both on the state level as well as the local level.
2. Be an information center for educational material of our colleges, their external program, etc.
3. Cooperate and work with Sunday School Board in seminars rather than working independently. Have one good seminar annually.
4. Persue the ministry of, and promotion of, stewardship for the local church.
5. Attempt to have an interesting and exciting seminar on the Wednesday afternoon of the State Association on subjects that help and assist pastors and the local church.
6. Assist in estate planning using experts in this field.
7. Develop a film, tape, and video library on church, pastor, and doctrinal issues for rental.

H. Sunday School/C.T.S. Board.

1. It is the primary responsibility of the S.S./C.T.S. Board to promote Sunday school growth in our state through workshops, bus clinics, teacher training, enlargement campaigns, etc. on state, district, and local church level wherever possible.
2. Promote C.T.S. in our state work. C.T.S. is the discipleship arm of the local church. The S.S./C.T.S. will promote evangelism training, Bible study, new convert follow-up, membership involvement, competitive activities, etc. in order to assist Missouri Free Will Baptists to become reproducing, responsible members of our local churches.
3. To organize and promote C.T.S. competitive activities.
4. Promote a Sunday school enlargement campaign once each year on district levels with each church competing with other churches its size and type of ministry area (rural with rural and urban with urban).
5. Work with local church and district associations in teacher training programs.
6. Invite the Executive Secretary to attend all board meetings as an ex-officio member.

Study Committee's Report, Continued:

7. Join with the Christian Education Board and other boards in coordinating seminars and workshops where possible. Plan calendar at least one year in advance in coordination with other boards and encourage other boards to do the same.
8. Promote Sunday school and C.T.S. at the State Association. The S.S./C.T.S. Board will plan the Tuesday evening service at the State Association to encourage and excite our people for Sunday school growth. Where possible, some of the winners from the music competition will be selected to sing and play at this service. The S.S./C.T.S. Board will plan the Tuesday evening service in conjunction with the Executive Committee and possibly use our guest speakers during the State Association as well.
9. Associate with State Home Missions Board in establishing satellite Sunday schools. The Sunday School/C.T.S. Board will pay for the second quarter Sunday school literature and assist them in starting new Sunday schools.
10. Contact and work with the National Sunday School Growth Department, as well as with the National Home Missions Evangelism Department.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the annual letters from the District Associations and find the following in good standing: Mission; Greater Springfield; Liberty; St. Louis; South Central; Cave Spring; Laclede County; St. Francois; Northwest; Central Western; Northeast; Indian Creek; Niangua; Bootheel; Southeast Missouri; Greater Kansas City.

We recommend that these associations be received and their delegates be seated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Mertz, Chairman
Harry Asher
Robert Sharpy
James Barker
Steve Reeves

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas there is currently legislation before the Missouri Legislature which will benefit special interest groups, but will be detrimental to Christian convictions, be it resolved that we as Missouri Free Will Baptists take an active interest in what ever way we can, including writing

Resolution Committee Report, Continued:

our legislators, in the following items:

- a. Open Container Bill
 - b. DWI Legislation
 - c. Pari-mutual Betting
2. Whereas our voice as Christians and Missouri Free Will Baptists is important on a national level as well, be it resolved that we contact our legislators concerning:
 - a. Our support of Discharge Petition #3 which will forbid the use of federal funds to pay for abortions.
 - b. And all other legislation that will be detrimental to the cause of Christ.
 3. Whereas the spread of the Gospel to the entire world is not an option, and whereas we have several native Missourians serving on the foreign field, and several home missionaries serving in the state of Missouri, be it resolved that we realize the urgency of our missionaries work and respond accordingly with our prayers and financial support for the following:
 - a. Stan and Brenda Bunch who have been approved for service in Panama, and are just beginning their deputation work. They need \$25,000 in cash and \$2,500 in monthly support.
 - b. Ken and Judy Bailey, appointees to Japan. In addition to what they have, they need \$18,000 in cash, and \$1,000 in monthly support.
 - c. Jim and Olena McLain, who need in addition to what they have, \$15,000 cash and \$1,000 in monthly support.
 - d. Jim Williams, in a joint project to Carthage, Missouri, needs \$6,000 in cash, and \$1,000 monthly support.
 4. Whereas World Vision has a great burden for the lost of the world, and whereas their work is accomplished through the cooperation and support of the local church, be it resolved that the churches of Missouri Free Will Baptist Association cooperate in supporting the World Vision project to aid the garbage collectors of Cairo, Egypt, through the "Love Loaf" program, "Planned Famine" program, and any other way possible.
 5. Whereas our Executive Secretary, Brother Clarence Burton, is doing an outstanding job with Missouri Free Will Baptists, and whereas Brother Burton has justly earned the love and admiration of all those he comes in contact with, be it resolved that we be faithful to pray for him, and support him in his labors, and offer a standing vote of appreciation as a token of our feeling.
 6. Whereas these are days of potential turmoil in Free Will Baptist ranks, and whereas a great deal of dedication,

Resolution Committee Report, Continued:

love, and patience is necessary on the part of our National Executive Secretary to maintain unity, and whereas we can see the results of his work so clearly, be it resolved that we be faithful to pray for him, and support Dr. Worthington, and that we offer him a standing vote of appreciation.

7. Be it resolved that the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists express their appreciation and indebtedness to Pastor Joe Braddy and the congregation of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon for their work and preparation for this State meeting.

8. Whereas the Missouri State Youth Camp stands as a monumental ministry complimenting directly or indirectly all the other ministries of this great State, and

Whereas the State Youth Camp has played such a great part in ministering to the lives of countless numbers of our Missouri young people, and

Whereas it is our interest to upgrade every way possible the tangible assets of the Youth Camp, and

Whereas we were aware of the deteriorating and dangerous conditions of the swimming pool,

Be It Resolved that the people who make up the Free Will Baptists of Missouri consider encouraging the youth of their church and/or receiving a generous offering to help clear, as soon as possible, the pool indebtedness. Perhaps a goal of at least \$500.00.

Submitted by,

Jim McAllister, Chairman
Gary Fry
Gene Crewse
Bob Dickey
Ken Goff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following nominations:

Officers:

Moderator.....Millard Sasser
Assistant Moderator.....Nathan Ruble
Clerk.....Joe Braddy
Assistant Clerk.....Jay Tilson

General Board Members for a Two-Year Term:

Greater Springfield.....Grover Terry
Mission.....Gary Fry
Niangua.....Bill Knapp

Nominating Committee Report, Continued:

Bootheel.....Roger Hogan
St. Louis.....Robert Sharry
Northeast.....Tom Drake
Northwest.....Warren Hall

General Board Replacements for a One Year Term:

Southeast: Raymond Michael replaced John Turner
South Central: Gordon Butler replaced Dan Booth

Home Mission Board:

Five Year Term.....Glen Rehkop

Youth Camp Board:

Five Year Term.....Dale Skiles

Sunday Scholl and C.T.S. Board:

Five Year Term.....Howard Gwartney
Three Year Term.....Jack Keesling

Christian Education Board:

Five Year Term.....Gene Wilfong
Three Year Term.....Steve Hale

Retirement Village Board:

Five Year Term.....Stanley Jones

National Association General Board

Member.....Millard Sasser

Master's Men Representative.....Gary Sutton

Hillsdale Representative.....Richard Robinson

Submitted by:

Glen Rehkop, Chairman
Cletus Nichols
Stanley Jones
Cody Freeman
Tom Drake

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee desire to offer the following report:

In as much as God in His wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst a number of our co-laborers, we feel it fitting that we should give a moment of reflection and prayer of gratitude in their memory by standing for a moment of silent prayer of thanksgiving for their service and fellowship.

Obituary Committee Report, Continued:

Grace Bass	George Warren	Birdie Minor
C. L. Hickman	Victor Baker	Della Club
Verba Smith	Evelyn Baker	Ellen Reagan
Clifford Dunn	John Dunn	Rev. Joseph Brooks
Con Ussery	Fred Guthrie	Rev. Morris Akers
Rosy Ussery	Gladys Bennett	Gladys Lee
Fred Hanger	Arthur Barker	George Lee
Bernal Welsh	Lizzie Rodes	Herman Filkins
Roy Erickson	Jessie Hargus	Leland Beck
Oma Scott	Eunice Dudley	Minnie Thompson
Fred Runge	Leslie White	Virginia Freese
Sybil Erickson	Mrs. Ralph Dees	Carl Landers
Lloyd Shriver	Lora Horton	Jamie Fost
Dola Cooper	Paul Smith	Dollie Hawkins
Everett Norman	Fred Hampton	Grace Brown
Jerry Kruger	Edith Barton	Herman Barnett
Virgil Gaston	Homer Wells	Ralph Reid
Maude Bass	Earnest Wallis	Bertha Kelsey
Otis Jones	Earnest Moudy	Vernie Climes
Mary M. Baker	Tassie Branstetter	Erwin Clift
Rosa A. Gilbert	Una May Cantrell	Linda Riley
Leon B. Ralston	Ruby (Wetzel) Baker	Belva Stegall
Ollie Thompson	Agnes (Strain) Darr	Viola Bess
Carl F. Sanders	William McFarland	Evelyn Russell
Parlie Betts	Andy Barker Williams	Maude Janis
Lenard B. Clark	Lillie Lamar	Russell Nichalson
Edna May Hollis	Roy Gillette	Edith Forshee
Sam Baker	Paul Scrivener	Minnie Hunt
Anna Mae Reed	Louis Guthrie	Mary Berg Goode
Susie Simpson	Gilbert Percival	Jesse Timmons
Willamena Wilson	Ancil Percival	Mary Elrod
George Blankenship	George Nall	Raymond Tennison
Ola Jane Strain	Maxine Miller	Mary White
Daniel King	Esther Hovis	Murill Suttles
Nora E. Watson	Edith Underwood	Keith Lewis
Rev. Harrison (Buddy) Brack		W.M. Wallace Fletcher
Virgia (Looney) Bennett		Ruben M. Blankenship
Christine (Crowder) Richardson		

We recommend each Association send in their letter for each deceased minister and missionary, the length, place, and position of service for the State of Missouri.

Respectfully submitted:

Harry Beatty, Chairman
 Roger L. Hogan
 Grover Terry
 Raymond Michael
 Phillip E. Munn, Jr.

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention
of
Free Will Baptists

REPORT TO THE
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Nelson Community Center in Lebanon, MO, June 7, 1983. One hundred seventy-one registered for the convention.

The following projects were adopted for the 1983-1984 year: Foreign Missions Project, \$ 3,000 for the Ken Baileys (Japan); National and State Home Mission Joint Project, \$ 3,000 for Jim Williams (Carthage, MO).

Total receipts for the year were \$ 27,636.74 with a membership of 855. This is an increase of 55 members over last year.

The annual retreat will be held September 16-17, 1983 at the Youth Camp in Niangua, MO. The theme will be "Patterns for Living." Rutha Altis of Kansas City will be the speaker.

Submitted by Shirley Bowden, Secretary

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists

1983 CONVENTION REPORT

The Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the Nelson Community Center in Lebanon, MO, June 7, 1983. The session opened with prayer by Lottie Campbell. Janice Moore led the congregation in singing "Joy Unspeakable." The welcome was given by Judy Altis with the response given by Jo Drake. Another song, "The Lily of the Valley" was sung. Rose Mertz gave the morning devotion entitled "Whatever Happened to Joy" using John 15:11 and Psalm 16:11. A skit was given by the state auxiliary officers entitled "Puzzle or Plan" with the song "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" sung after the skit.

President Kay Tallent called the session to order. Secretary Shirley Bowden read the delegates' names and these women were seated and charged to carry out the business for the session. The appointment of committees was read. Greetings were given by Cleo Purcell, Executive Secretary of the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Plans are being made now for the 1984 National Retreat which will be held September 6-8, 1984 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. We were dismissed in prayer by Kaye Wilbanks.

The morning worship session began at 11 o'clock with the congregation singing "The Banner of the Cross." The Auxiliary Choir, under the direction of Janice Moore, accompanied Rev. Howard Gwartney in singing "Joy Comes in the Morning." The Beacon Auxiliary Trio, Janice Moore, Sue Cook, and Barbara Harwell, sang "Consider the Lilies." Rev. Ken Bailey, missionary appointee to Japan, brought the message using the theme for the convention "Consider the Lilies" with Matthew 6:24-34 as his text. The morning session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gary Fry.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and prayer by Dottie Crewes. A second congregational song was sung, "Whosoever Will." Greetings were brought by Rev. Roy Thomas, director of the National Home Missions Department. Greetings were also brought by Carol Pinkerton, missionary to Africa. A letter was read from Mrs. Raper of the Children's Home in Greenville, TN expressing their appreciation for what the auxiliaries had done for the Children's Home. Ann Phillips then sang "I Want Jesus." Eunice Edwards gave the afternoon devotion entitled "Rhythm of Abundant Living: Giving and Receiving." The text for the devotion was II Chronicles 24:8-14 and I Chronicles 29:9. "Eternal Life, Abundant Life" was sung by the Beacon Trio.

The business session was called to order and the following reports were read: Registration Committee, Appreciation Committee, Credentials Committee, and the Finance Committee.

The treasurer's report was given noting that all of the projects for 1982-1983 exceeded their goals. Blanche Wisehart also gave the auditor's report. m/s/c. The Executive Committee report was read and approved.

The following ladies were elected to represent the Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary at the National Convention in Columbus, OH: Eunice Edwards, Kaye Wilbanks, Betsy Earl, Rose Mertz, Doris Arnold, Ann Phillips, Ora Ragsdale, Leta McKenneth, Helen McAllister, Carolyn Hogan, Rachel Murray, Lucille Beatty, Dottie Crews, Tommie Sharpy, Karla Turner, and Glenda Jones, alternate.

The Nominating Committee report was given and the following ladies were elected to serve:

President	Barbara Harwell	Field Worker	Betty Ragsdale
Vice-President	Rose Mertz	Member at large	Hilda Nichols
Secretary	Shirley Bowden	Member at large	Betty Robinson
Treasurer	Blanche Wisehart	Member at large	Glenda Jones

These officers were installed by Kaye Wilbanks. The session was dismissed in prayer.

The Auxiliary Banquet was held at Wyota Inn Restaurant with speaker Judy Bailey, missionary appointee to Japan. The special music for the banquet was provided by Howard and Patsy Gwartney.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registration

We, the registration committee, submit the following report: 103 delegates and 68 visitors, making a total of 171 attending this years convention.

Submitted by Barbara Harwell, Lois Shannon, and Sue Blubaugh.

Credentials

We, the credentials committee, have examined the reports and find them to be in order.

Submitted by Shirley Bowden, Lita Munn, and Edna Hall.

Finance

We, the finance committee, have examined the Treasurer's Report and find it to be in order. We recommend that this report along with the Auditor's report be accepted. We wish to commend our treasurer, Blanche Wisehart, for the excellent job she has done and to encourage all auxiliaries to send all monies through our state treasurer's office. We recommend that the following honorariums be given: Blanche Wisehart, \$ 100.00; Shirley Bowden, \$ 100.00; and Kay Tallent \$ 50.00.

Submitted by Blanche Wisehart, Joyce Marshall, Maureen Hocker, Phyllis Wright and Agnes Terry.

Auditor's Report

I, Dick Roberts, have examined the Treasurer's books kept by Blanche Wisehart, for the Missouri State Auxiliary of Free Will Baptists. I find them to be correct and in order.

Signed, Dick Roberts.

Appreciation

We, the appreciation committee, wish to submit the following report.

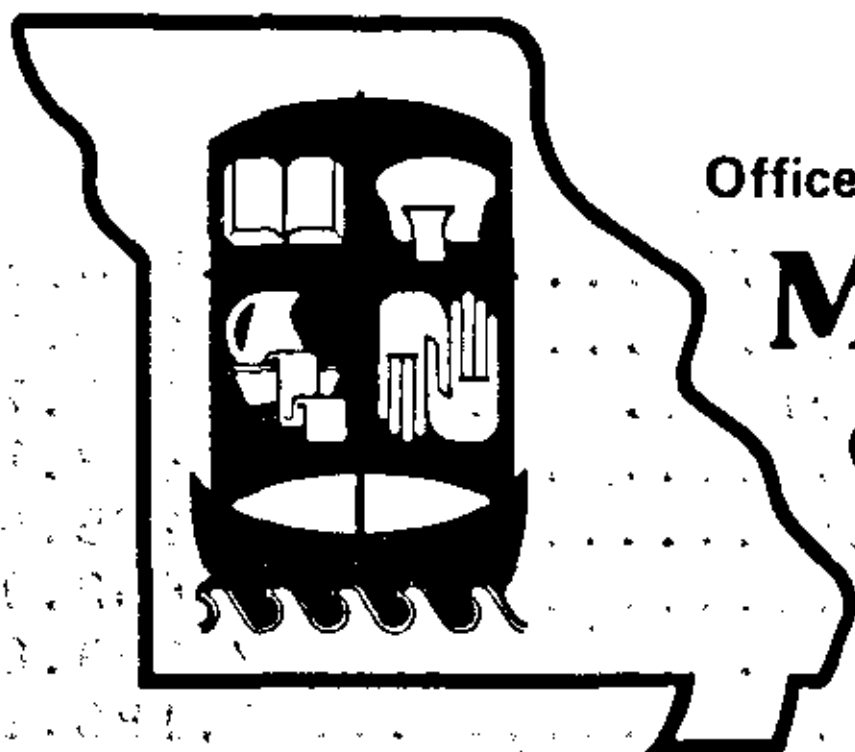
- (1) Thank you to the nursery attendants for the caring of the children during the auxiliary convention and during the banquet.
- (2) Thank you to Kay Tallent and Joyce Keen for making the corsages and the centerpieces and also to all those who furnished decorations and decorated for the banquet and the state meeting.
- (3) Thanks to the women who registered for the convention.
- (4) Thanks to the city of Lebanon for hosting the state meeting.
- (5) Thanks to all the women who participated on the program.
- (6) Thanks to Wyota Inn for preparing the banquet.
- (7) Thank you to our State Officers for the work they have done in the convention and during the year.
- (8) Thank you to Ken and Judy Bailey for speaking at our State Convention and banquet.
- (9) Thank you to our song leader Janice Moore and the musicians, Patsy Gwartney and Barbara Cox.
- (10) Thanks to each one willing to help on the program.

Respectfully submitted by Betty Robinson, Waynelle Scott and Betty Reeves.

Executive

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

- (1) We recommend as our Foreign Missions project Ken and Judy Bailey. THE BAILEYS TO JAPAN project will be \$ 3000.00 for air fare. m/s/c
- (2) We recommend as our Home Missions project Jim Williams. THE CARTHAGE MISSION will be a joint National and State Home Mission project in the amount of \$ 3,000.00. m/s/c
- (3) We recommend that a \$ 250.00 honorarium be given to Ken and Judy Bailey. m/s/c
- (4) We recommend that the morning offering be divided between the Foreign Missionaries attending the State Auxiliary Convention. m/s/c
- (5) We recommend that we entertain the Foreign, National, and State missionaries, as well as the banquet special music, during the Auxiliary Banquet. m/s/c
- (6) We recommend that we pay the nursery workers for their work during the Auxiliary day and banquet. m/s/c



Office of Promotional Secretary Clarence Burton

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

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REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

June 1983

Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ:

May I say with the Psalmist, and let us say together, "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together."

The Lord has blessed in a wonderful, marvelous way again this year. We have seen souls saved, rededications, Christians mature in the Lord and we have exceeded the cooperative budget. The goal for this year was \$205,000.00. The total amount received was \$226,537.20. The Lord has blessed and met this need through faithful, dedicated pastors and churches. This is not an individual effort or accomplishment—it is a combined labor of love and work of faith. Thank God for the many pastors and laypeople that have a burden to share in the total ministries for the cause of Christ through the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

This department sponsored a very effective and successful seminar "Focus On The Ministry" this year. It was well attended and from the response met a very definite need in the ministries of the local church. Plans are underway for another one in 1983-84. If you would like to see a specific emphasis given to an area of work in the local church please give the suggestion to me. I shall be more than glad to consider it. The promotional department will also sponsor the "All Boards Meeting" this coming year. The date is September 19 and 20. This is an excellent time for the boards to coordinate their work for the present year and in most cases the forthcoming ones.

It has been my privilege this year to visit all sixteen district associations. Most of the district associations are composed of the same churches that make up the quarterly meetings. I am impressed with the leadership in the associations. I believe that this contributed to the increase in giving and to the unity and harmony in the state work. May the Lord continue to bless each association in its effort to labor for the cause of Christ.

The cooperative budget for the 1983-84 year is \$230,000.00. This will not be reached without prayer and dedication. Then to be sure there must be a combined effort. As the Lord leads and works through each church I believe that we can reach the goal! I am trusting the Lord for it.

May I request again this year that we continue to pray for each other. There is wonder working power in prayer. Pray for this ministry—we depend upon your prayers. It is a must in order that this labor of love and work of faith be blessed of God. Thanks for every prayer in our behalf and every expression of love.

In Christ,

Clarence H. Burton
Clarence H. Burton

COOPERATIVE GIVING
April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983

Aulsbury Chapel.....	\$ 3,564.79
Bailey Chapel.....	656.00
Beacon.....	5,375.96
Berean.....	31.07
Belton.....	2,282.24
Berkeley.....	5,023.12
Bethel, Festus.....	5,223.00
Black Oak.....	110.00
Buffalo.....	1,144.45
Byrd.....	292.04
Cabool.....	2,873.25
Calvary Chapel.....	1,860.59
Calvery, Conway.....	722.49
Cape Girardeau.....	2,412.34
Central.....	3,380.00
Columbia.....	600.00
Community.....	64.67
Cope.....	397.41
Copper Mines.....	2,000.87
Cuba.....	2,407.88
De Soto.....	6,800.00
Eastern Gate.....	204.59
El Dorado Springs, First..	60.00
Faith, Fair Grove.....	1,534.72
Faith, Lemay.....	977.70
Farmington.....	14,950.00
Fellowship.....	975.00
Flat River, First.....	8,358.45
Fordland.....	3,320.50
Fourth.....	1,321.00
Fredericktown, First.....	4,440.00
Freeman Chapel.....	1,357.28
Friendship, Branson.....	644.90
Gospel Light.....	420.25
Grace.....	9,163.30
Grant Avenue.....	6,508.50
Gray Summit.....	1,393.41
Hannon.....	3,090.74
Happy Home, Ava.....	578.61
Harmony, K.C.....	3,763.00
Hartville.....	2,399.44
Hazel Creek.....	1,150.84
Hickory Grove.....	242.57
Hopewell.....	1,540.66
Houston.....	1,510.03
Hurryville.....	1,648.92
Jones Chapel.....	1,545.34
Jones Creek.....	100.68
Joplin.....	4,465.95
Kingsway.....	600.00
Koshkonong.....	883.00
Leadington.....	5,096.61
Lebanon Bible Book Store..	1,200.00
Lebanon, First.....	5,360.47
Liberty.....	730.00
Low Ground.....	61.05
Macedonia.....	253.00

Marshfield.....	\$1,846.00
Martinstown.....	240.00
Merl's Chapel.....	719.00
Mill Creek.....	1,853.00
Mine La Motte.....	275.00
Monett.....	5,662.00
Mtn Grove.....	7,369.00
Mt. Pisgah.....	1,188.00
Mtn Valley.....	777.00
Mt. Zion, Gower.....	1,202.00
Mt. Zion, Thayer.....	382.00
Myrtle.....	2,307.00
Neosho.....	720.00
New Harmony.....	86.00
New Home.....	112.00
New Hope-Fredericktown...	411.00
New Rock Springs.....	1,074.00
Number One.....	387.00
Oak Hill, Fredericktown..	121.00
O'Fallon.....	3,845.00
Old Bethel.....	361.00
Olivet.....	2,500.00
Oskaloosa.....	236.00
Parkview.....	2,126.00
Pleasant Hill.....	395.00
Pleasant Home.....	1,595.00
Pleasant Ridge, Urbana...	584.00
Poplar Bluff.....	81.00
Purdy.....	1,497.00
Richwoods.....	1,167.00
Rock Chapel.....	3,079.00
Rolla.....	1,448.00
Royal Oak.....	350.00
Salem.....	330.00
Sedalia.....	334.00
Seymour.....	728.00
Sikeston.....	50.00
South Fremont.....	2,950.00
South Side.....	3,043.00
Springfield, First.....	451.00
Sunnyview.....	137.00
St. Francois Ass'n.....	84.00
Terrill Road, Moberly....	551.00
Thayer.....	3,547.00
Trinity.....	8,731.00
Twin Oak.....	1,200.00
Tyrone.....	471.00
Union.....	240.00
Union Grove.....	1,428.00
Union Light.....	640.00
United, Lemay.....	233.00
United, West Plains.....	1,200.00
Verdella.....	1,689.00
Viburnum.....	795.00
Victory, Alton.....	1,709.00
Victory, K.C.....	300.00
Walnut Grove.....	355.00
Waynesville.....	1,165.00

Cooperative Giving, Continued:

Way Side.....	\$1,591.00	Willow Springs.....	\$2,948.36
Wolf Creek.....	2,438.30	Shelva Hart.....	75.00
Interest on Account...	2,059.49		

Total Cooperative Receipts.....\$226,537.20

COOPERATIVE DISBURSEMENTS.....April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983

18.50% Missouri State Home Missions.....	\$41,909.39
16.00% Promotional Department.....	36,245.97
4.50% General Fund.....	10,194.16
5.50% Youth Camp.....	12,459.56
2.00% Christian Board of Education.....	4,530.74
2.00% Sunday School and C.T.S. Board.....	4,530.74
5.00% Retirement Program.....	11,326.87
7.00% Retirement Village.....	15,857.60
6.00% Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College...	13,592.23

33.50% National Association Departments:

Foreign Missions.....	24,919.09
Free Will Baptist Bible College.....	18,122.99
Executive Department.....	13,592.23
National Home Missions & Church Extension....	13,592.23
Retirement and Insurance.....	4,530.74
Layman's Board.....	566.33
Theological Commission.....	566.33

Total Disbursed.....\$266,537.20

DESIGNATED GIFTS:

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Received.....	\$58,015.94
Disbursed.....	\$58,015.94

NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS:

Received.....	\$20,062.80
Disbursed.....	\$20,062.80

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSIONS:

Received.....	\$ 7,319.72
Disbursed.....	\$ 7,319.72

MISSOURI STATE YOUTH CAMP:

Received.....	\$ 5,105.73
Disbursed.....	\$ 5,105.73

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE:

Received.....	\$ 1,193.51
Disbursed.....	\$ 1,193.51

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME-GREENVILLE:

Received.....	\$ 122.03
Disbursed.....	\$ 122.03

BOB CARR AND HANIFORD ACCOUNT:

Received.....	\$ 260.00
Disbursed.....	\$ 260.00

Designated Gifts, Continued:

WORLD VISION:

Received.....	\$ 228.60
Disbursed.....	\$ 228.60

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE:

Received.....	\$ 1,999.47
Disbursed.....	\$ 1,999.47

NATIONAL BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE:

Received.....	\$ 9.00
Disbursed.....	\$ 9.00

RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Received.....	\$ 910.00
Disbursed.....	\$ 910.00

JOHN MCCLURE ACCOUNT:

Received.....	\$ 241.00
Disbursed.....	\$ 241.00

GENERAL FUND:

Received.....	\$ 2,948.67
Disbursed (See General Fund Sheet).....	

RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Received.....	\$ 2,092.46
Disbursed (See Retirement Village Sheet).....	

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT:

Received.....	\$ 3,849.86
Disbursed (See Promotional Dept. Sheet).....	

TOTAL DESIGNATED.....\$104,358.79

TOTAL COOPERATIVE AND DESIGNATED RECEIPTS... \$330,895.99

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE FORWARDED.....\$ 8,112.51

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Receipts.....	\$ 10,194.16
District Associations.....	2,055.00
Offerings - State Association.....	584.00
Reimbursement on O. H. Projector.....	20.00
Refund NAE Expense.....	205.00
Reimbursement for Nursery Attendant - Woman's Auxiliary.....	36.00
Reimbursement for Church Badges - World Vision Mail Out.....	48.27

Total Receipts..... 13,142.83

Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded..... \$ 21,255.34

DISBURSEMENTS:

Travel, Meals (General Board-Auditing Committee.....	\$ 2,062.55
Clerk's Salary and Expense.....	520.74
Delegates (5) and General Board Members Gratuity for National Association..	375.00

General Fund, Continued:

National Association Rep. Fee.....	1,650.00	
Honorarium for Speaker.....	189.52	
Missouri State Fee to NAE.....	725.00	
NAE Delegate Expense (Travel & Motel) ..	836.00	
Historical Committee Expense.....	307.21	
NAE Registration Delegates Fee.....	420.00	
Program, Digest of Reports, Printing...	466.35	
Postage and Xerox.....	487.73	
Utilities.....	324.82	
Office Supplies and Repairs.....	128.95	
State Association Expense.....	341.49	
Printing Minutes, Freight.....	664.16	
Film and Developing.....	95.12	
Telephone.....	753.24	
Calculator.....	129.00	
Mailing Permit and Fast Copy.....	48.46	
Miscellaneous.....	26.59	
Florals.....	96.32	
Brief Case & Cassette for Clerk.....	72.23	
Mail-Outs.....	55.00	
Heater, Bissel Broom, Bushogging.....	73.52	
Total Disbursements.....		10,849.00
Balance.....		\$ 10,406.34

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983

Balance Forwarded.....\$ 9,350.66

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Receipts.....	\$36,245.97	
Gem Subscriptions.....	3,767.36	
Registration for Seminar.....	82.50	
Total Receipts.....		40,095.83
Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded.....		\$ 49,446.49

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary - Clarence Burton.....	\$12,755.00	
Part of Salary to National Board of		
Retirement and Insurance.....	1,325.00	
Secretary's Salary.....	2,640.00	
Housing and Utilities.....	5,400.00	
Christmas Gift.....	250.00	
Social Security.....	1,200.00	
Hospitalization.....	1,839.80	
Gem Printing and Mailing.....	6,245.76	
Office Rent.....	900.00	
Utilities and Telephone.....	576.83	
Travel.....	4,217.00	
Printing and Office Supplies.....	125.25	
Expense to National & State Associations.	654.00	
Leadership Conference.....	130.00	
Retirement and Insurance Program.....	1,234.80	
Registration for Seminar - "Focus on		
Ministry".....	82.50	

Promotional Department Report, Continued:

Focus on Ministry Seminar.....	858.68	
Misc., Flowers, Sec'y. of State Fee, Share in Christmas Dinner.....	76.85	
Calendars.....	112.29	
Office Furniture and Repair.....	39.00	
Total Disbursements.....		40,662.76
Balance.....	\$	8,783.73

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT
Proposed Budget
April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1984

Balance Forwarded..... \$ 8,783.73

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative (16.75% of \$230,000.00).....	\$38,525.00	
Gem Subscriptions.....	4,000.00	
Total Receipts.....		42,525.00
Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded.....	\$	51,308.73

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary.....	\$12,755.00	
Part of Salary (Tax Sheltered).....	1,325.00	
Secretary's Salary.....	5,200.00	
Social Security.....	1,200.00	
Housing & Utilities.....	5,400.00	
Hospitalization Insurance.....	1,898.20	
Retirement Insurance.....	1,040.80	
Gem Mailing & Printing.....	6,245.76	
Utilities and Telephone.....	600.00	
Office Supplies.....	200.00	
Office Rent.....	1,020.00	
Expense to National Association.....	350.00	
Seminars & All-Board Meeting.....	800.00	
Travel.....	4,380.24	
Christmas Gift.....	250.00	
Promotional Material (Calendars, etc.)..	135.00	
Office Equipment.....	150.00	
Miscellaneous.....	150.00	
Total Disbursements.....		43,100.00
Working Balance.....	\$	8,208.73

RETIREMENT VILLAGE
April 1, 1982 - March 31, 1983

Balance Forwarded.....	\$ 9,444.35
RECEIPTS:	
Cooperative Receipts.....	\$15,857.60
Designated Gifts.....	2,126.15
Payments on Lots.....	2,265.76
Interest.....	2.34
Total Receipts.....	<u>20,251.85</u>
Total Receipts plus Balance Forwarded.....	\$29,696.20
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Travel-Meals-Telephone.....	\$ 247.03
Interest on Loan and Payments.....	16,449.85
Legal and Accounting.....	101.00
Cooperation Tax & Interest.....	399.00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>17,196.88</u>
Balance.....	\$12,499.32
(Balance includes \$6,964.87-Payment on Lots)	

RETIREMENT VILLAGE
Proposed Budget 1983-1984

Balance Forwarded (Including Payments on Lots).....	\$12,499.32
RECEIPTS:	
Cooperative Fund (6.75% of \$230,000)...	\$15,525.00
Designated & Special Offerings.....	2,200.00
Payments on Lots.....	2,743.56
Total Receipts.....	<u>20,468.56</u>
Balance on Hand plus Receipts.....	\$32,967.88
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Travel & Meals.....	\$ 400.00
Payment on Loan - Principal & Int.....	15,600.00
Legal and Accounting.....	150.00
Insurance.....	230.00
Corporation Tax.....	<u>400.00</u>
Total Disbursements.....	<u>16,780.00</u>
Working Balance (Includes Paymts. on Lots).....	\$16,187.88
Active Balance.....	\$ 6,479.45
Working Balance includes \$9,708.43 Payments on Lots.	
NOTE: The proposed increase in active balance will result from designated gifts, not Cooperative Receipts.	

RECAP OF ALL MONIES

PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT:

	RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
Including Balance Forwarded	\$49,446.49	\$40,662.76	\$ 8,783.73

GENERAL FUND:

Including Balance Forwarded	\$21,255.34	\$10,849.00	\$10,406.34
Total			\$19,190.07
Balance in United Savings & Loan Association			\$ 396.18

1983-1984 BALANCE SHEET

Cash in All Accounts	\$ 19,586.25
Office Equipment and Furniture	5,000.00
Liabilities	-0-
Total Assets	\$ 24,586.25

Balance Forwarded	\$ 17,559.62
Total Receipts - Cooperative and Designated	330,895.00
Total	\$348,455.61
Disbursed	329,265.54
Total Working Balance	\$ 19,190.07

COOPERATIVE BUDGET 1983-1984

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions.....	\$ 42,550.00
16.75%	Promotional Department and Gem.....	38,525.00
3.50%	General Fund.....	8,050.00
6.50%	Youth Camp.....	14,950.00
1.75%	Christian Board of Education.....	4,025.00
1.75%	Sunday School and C.T.S. Board.....	4,025.00
6.75%	Retirement Village.....	15,525.00
5.00%	Retirement Program.....	11,500.00
6.00%	Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.....	13,800.00
33.50%	National Association (Undesignated).....	77,050.00
Total.....		\$230,000.00

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Auditing Committee has examined the treasurer's books of all the standing boards, state treasurer, and the Lebanon Bible and Book Store, and has found them to present fairly the financial position of each respective board and treasurer, as of March 31, 1983.

Respectfully,

John Turner, Chairman
Joe B. Braddy
Warren Hall



BIBLES AND RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Lebanon Bible and Book Store

303 West Commercial

Lebanon, Missouri 65536

[417]532-9516

P.O. Box 991



GOSPEL RECORDS AND SHEET MUSIC

GREETINGS TO OUR MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Greetings to our fellow Free Will Baptist believers across our state. It is an honor to be able to serve our Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of the Lebanon Bible Bookstore. We want to thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Because of your support of this ministry we have had a record year in sales, with an increase of 8% over last year. Also we had an increase of 19% net profit. We thank God for all this. Complete details of the financial status are given on the following pages.

For the past several years our goal has been to help support our state work in a financial way. This past year we were able to do this as we gave \$1200.00 in to the Cooperative Plan, also \$500.00 was given to Missouri Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. We trust that in coming years as you support this ministry that we in turn will be able to help support other ministries in our state.

We urge you to purchase all your Sunday School, CTS, Vacation Bible School, Hymnals and other supplies from your Free Will Baptist Bookstore.

Please take time to visit the Bookstore while you are here in Lebanon and get acquainted with our staff and see the large selection of Christian materials and books that we have.

In His Service

Warren Livingston
Warren Livingston, Mgr.

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE

RECIEPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEARS 1982-83

BEGINNING BALANCE		2,646.51
Reciepts	241,817.00	
Redeposit of Returned Checks	311.06	
Interest	660.53	
TOTAL RECIEPTS		<u>242,788.59</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		<u>245,435.10</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	87,251.87	
Sunday School Literature	75,887.34	
Freight	1,548.55	
Postage	2,450.00	
United Parcel Service	2,870.01	
Supplies	2,053.33	
Office Supplies	475.38	
Utilities	2,072.14	
Telephone	1,209.42	
Advertising	5,521.16	
Cooperative Plan	1,700.00	
Building Maintenance and Repair	961.46	
Insurance (Building, Etc.)	1,736.50	
Equipment Rental	259.09	
Equipment Maintenance	982.27	
Wages	25,161.34	
Bonus	1,892.41	
Payroll Taxes	7,387.71	
Retirement	180.00	
Employee Insurance	2,014.72	
Mileage	310.32	
Convention, Seminar Expense	910.00	
Booksellers Assoc	218.00	
Property Taxes	404.02	
Sales Tax	3,288.48	
Returned Checks	349.64	
Visa/MC Fee	49.21	
Refunds	27.91	
Ex. Committee Expense	32.30	
Misc.	97.21	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>229,301.79</u>
BALANCE ON HAND		<u>16,133.31</u>

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR 1982-83

SALES		
Bookstore Sales	123,565.74	
Sunday School Lit. Sales	100,056.96	
VBS Literature Sales	11,622.33	
Shipping and Handling	6,493.32	
Service Charges	232.88	<u>241,971.23</u>

Less Discounts 2,893.16

Net Sales 239,078.07

Beginning Inventory	51,317.04	
Purchases	161,686.54	
Total Cost of Merchandise	213,003.58	
* Less Ending Inventory	56,633.23	
Net Cost of Sales	156,370.35	
Freight	1,548.55	
Supplies	2,276.55	<u>160,195.45</u>

GROSS PROFIT 78,882.62

OPERATING EXPENSES

Postage and UPS	5,320.01	
Utilities and Telephone	3,282.16	
Advertising	5,521.16	
Maintenance and Repair	1,366.56	
Wages and Bonus	27,053.75	
Payroll Taxes	7,387.71	
Depreciation	1,317.36	
Insurance	3,751.22	
** Cooperative Plan	1,700.00	
Miscellaneous	5,249.99	<u>61,949.92</u>

NET PROFIT 16,932.70

Beginning Accounts Recievable 6,215.81
Ending Accounts Recievable 5,510.11

Beginning Accounts Payable 11,806.31
Ending Accounts Payable 10,356.41

- * Figure includes \$1,805.93 Sunday School Literature and \$3,641.08 VBS Literature .
** Figure includes \$500.00 gift to Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL

ASSETS	Beginning	Ending	Increase (Decrease)
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank Balance	\$2,646.51	\$16,133.31	\$13,486.80
Cash On Hand	100.00	100.00	-0-
Accounts Receivable	6,215.81	5,510.11	(705.70)
Inventory (note 2)	51,317.04	56,633.23	5,316.19
	<u>60,279.36</u>	<u>78,376.65</u>	<u>18,097.29</u>
FIXED ASSETS (AT COST)			
Buildings and Land	18,500.00	18,500.00	-0-
Fistures and Equipment	15,457.13	15,457.13	-0-
Less Accumulated Depreciation (note 1)	<u>8,032.61</u>	<u>9,349.97</u>	<u>1,317.16</u>
	<u>25,954.52</u>	<u>24,607.16</u>	<u>(1,317.16)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	86,233.88	102,983.81	16,749.93
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable (note 3)	11,806.31	10,356.41	(1,449.90)
Payroll Taxes	437.10	583.69	146.59
Sales Tax	500.04	973.98	473.93
Total Liabilities	<u>12,743.45</u>	<u>11,914.08</u>	<u>(829.37)</u>
OPERATING FUNDS BALANCE	73,490.43	91,069.33	17,578.90

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(1) DEPRECIATION POLICY

Prior to the 1977-1978 year, the building, fixtures, and equipment of the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore were not depreciated. Beginning with April 1, 1977 the building, fixtures, and equipment were depreciated on a straight line basis using the following estimated useful lives.

Store Building	40 years
Fixtures and Equipment	8 years

(2) ENDING INVENTORY

The ending inventory of \$56,633.23 on March 31, 1983 included the following merchandise in addition to the regular bookstore stock.

Vacation Bible School Literature	\$3,641.08
Sunday School Literature and Supplies	\$1,805.93
Total	<u>\$5,447.01</u>

(3) ENDING ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The ending accounts payable of \$10,356.41 on March 31, 1983 included the following dated invoices which are due at a later date.

Vacation Bible School Literature	\$4,669.84
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LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1983-84

INCOME

Bookstore Sales	130,500.00	
Sunday School Literature Sales	102,500.00	
Vacation Bible School Literature Sales	13,500.00	
Postage and Handling	6,700.00	
Service Charges	<u>300.00</u>	253,000.00
Less Discounts		<u>3,000.00</u>
Net Sales		250,000.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Resale Purchases	88,000.00	
Sunday School Literature	77,500.00	
Freight	2,200.00	
Postage	2,600.00	
United Parcel Service	3,200.00	
Supplies	2,000.00	
Office Supplies	600.00	
Utilities	2,400.00	
Telephone	1,500.00	
Advertising	5,500.00	
Building Maintenance and Repair	2,000.00	
Building Insurance	1,800.00	
Equipment	3,500.00	
Equipment Rental	500.00	
Equipment Repair	1,000.00	
Wages and Bonus	35,000.00	
Payroll Taxes	3,000.00	
Retirement	360.00	
Employee Insurance	2,000.00	
Mileage	500.00	
Bookseller Association Dues	300.00	
Convention Seminar Expense	1,200.00	
Property Taxes	500.00	
Cooperative Plan	1,600.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>241,760.00</u>

NET PROFIT

8,240.00



MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Greetings to our fellow Free Will Baptist believers across our state of Missouri. Our goal as a Board is to equip Christians for better service and to motivate Free Will Baptists to greater efforts through the local church and for more effective ministries.

In the past few years, thanks to our Cooperative Program, Missouri Free Will Baptists have received some tremendous opportunities for instruction and inspiration. Seminars and Retreats have been conducted in: Pastoral Counseling; Marriage Enrichment-Harold and June Critcher; Revival for Survival-Dr. Stephen Olford; Ministerial Burnout; Bible Study of Colossians-Dr. Robert Picirilli; and the joint effort in the Church Growth Seminar with Win and Charles Arn.

In the '82-'83 year we have presented Seminars on 'The Minister's Taxes' with B. J. Worth and on 'Starting a Christian School' with Gene Wilfong and Greg McAllister.

Our members have traveled to several local churches and associations conducting seminars on Sunday School Growth, Teaching Methods, Youth Work, Children's Church, Conducting Family Devotions, and Child Discipline.

In addition to these efforts, the Board has put a great deal of time and energy into the development of the MBI Program. This has been in the area of curriculum with local church institutes in mind. Courses are available now in 'Free Will Baptist Doctrine', 'Teaching Techniques', and 'The Letters of Paul'. These have been taught already in our working Institutes at Kansas City and at Farmington.

In the future we hope to continue and complete the curriculum for a basic workers institute in the local church. Compile a Stewardship Manual for Pastors, Staff, and Church Budget Committees. In the Spring of 1984 we would like to sponsor a traveling film seminar in our local associations, if there is enough interest, sign up at our display for further details.

UPCOMING SEMINARS AND RETREATS:

NOVEMBER 14 AND 15, 1983

*Focus on Preachers and Preaching
Dr. Willard Wilcox and Dr. Melvin Worthington
First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington*

SPRING 1984

*Traveling Film Seminar (by arrangement with local associations and churches) Tentative selections are:
James Dobson - 'Focus on the Family' or Charles Swindoll - 'Strengthening Your Grip'*

SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11, 1984

*Christian Worker's Family Life
Tim and Beverly La Haze*

There are some other people who have been contacted and the Board is in the process of solidifying the arrangements for Stuart and Jill Briscoe - 'The Christian Couple' and for Haddon Robinson - 'The Development and Delivery of Expository Sermons'.

It is our prayer to extend quality Christian Education through our State by our Seminars, Retreats, Bible Institutes, MBI Lending Library, and through personal work in various area associations and churches.

The Christian Education Board requests your prayers for the continued blessings of God, your suggestions and requests, and please take advantage of the opportunities made available by your Christian Education Board.

May the Grace of Our Great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you in this coming year.

In Christ Service;

Gene Wilfong, Chairman
Bob Francis, Vice-Chairman
Tim Eaton, Secretary-Treasurer
Greg Mc Allister, Recording Secretary
Jim Shepherd, Stewardship

P.S.

We would like to extend our best wishes to Rev. Jim Shepherd who has assumed the responsibility of Vice-President for Student Affairs at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College.

MISSOURI BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
FINANCIAL REPORT
APRIL 1, 1982 - MARCH 31, 1983

CASH ASSESTS - APRIL 1, 1982 \$5,009.02

CHECKING	\$2,077.67
SAVINGS(Bd. of Retirement)	\$2,931.35

INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES \$6,282.70

COOP	\$4,524.62
INTEREST ON CHECKING	101.13
INTEREST ON SAVINGS	292.95
SEMINAR INCOME	56.00
MBI INCOME(Greater K.C.)	158.00
TRANSFERRED FUNDS, RECEIVED	1,150.00

EXPENDITURES (\$6,376.19)

BOARD EXPENSE	\$1,645.73
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	15.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	1,272.72
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	60.00
SEMINAR EXPENSE	1,476.44
SEMINAR TRAVEL	331.00
MBI EXPENSE	271.82
MBI LENDING LIBRARY	103.48
REFUND FOR CHURCH GROWTH SEM.	50.00
TRANSFERRED FUNDS, DISBURSED	1,150.00

CASH ASSESTS. - MARCH 31, 1983 \$4,915.53

CHECKING	\$ 663.79
CASH	\$ 27.44
SAVINGS	\$4,224.30

BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1983

ASSETS \$5,518.11

CHECKING(CHARTER BANK)	663.79
CASH	27.44
SAVINGS(BOARD OF RETIREMENT)	4,224.30
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	239.95
MBI LENDING LIBRARY	362.63

LIABILITIES \$ 00.00

NET WORTH \$5,518.11

MISSOURI BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

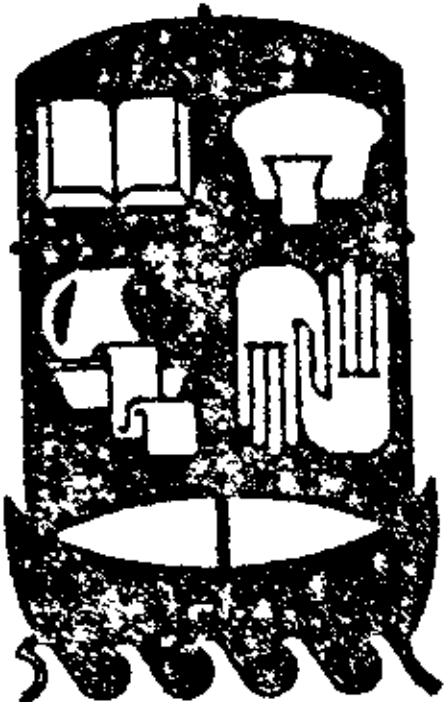
PROPOSED 1983 - 1984 BUDGET

PROJECTED INCOME:

COOP(2% OF \$230,000)	\$4,600.00
INTEREST ON ACCOUNTS	500.00
SEMINAR INCOME	800.00
MBI INCOME	400.00
MISC.	300.00
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME '83 - '84	<u>\$6,600.00</u>

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES:

BOARD EXPENSE	\$1,500.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	1,200.00
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	100.00
SEMINAR EXPENSE	1,600.00
SEMINAR TRAVEL	500.00
MBI CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT	200.00
MBI EXPENSE	200.00
MBI LENDING LIBRARY	300.00
C.E. NOTEBOOK PRINTING	500.00
STEWARDSHIP	300.00
MISC.	200.00
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES	<u>\$6,600.00</u>



Missouri State Free Will Baptist Youth Camp

NIANGUA, MISSOURI

June, 1983

GREETINGS TO ALL THE FINE FRIENDS OF YOUTH CAMP !

It is our privilege once again to greet you in the dear name of our Eternal King, Jesus Christ the Lord. How exciting it is to be a part of the great family of God. Though year by year we see the world looming in it's deep & dark valleys of discouragement & depression. Yet to the Christian, every day brings along a greater & more exciting challenge.

For years & years Free Will Baptist Youth Camp has played a tremendous part in bringing joy & excitement to the lives of so many fine people all across the great state of Missouri because God has chose to use & bless, in a mighty way, the ministry of Free will Baptist Youth Camp.

Over the years we have watched God's mighty hand of blessings moving upon this place where so many young people & people not so young have returned back to their churches changed & meet for the Masters use. Men are leading & building churches, both at home and abroad & women have discovered what God would have them do in His service, all because at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, Jesus met them there, as they humbly sought His Will.

We of the Camp Board are very excited over the changes, every one attending encampment "83" will see. We believe the effectiveness at camp will be even greater this year since we have extended the weeks of camp from two to four. We trust the Pastors will enjoy the week interval between the two weeks that perhaps they would be attending. Also the new pool & bathhouse (if the weather permits it to be finished by camp time) will bring lots of excitement to all, yet in a safer way since the concrete in the old pool was becoming very hazardas & very expensive to maintain annually. Also the Board would like to express their appreciation to Sis. Francis Bowman in her success of raising funds to go toward the purchase of a different dishwasher. One has been purchased and is ready for service at the present time.

Students attending this year's camp will also enjoy several new teaching stations along with dynamic curriculum written by four fine ministers of our state. Also campers this year will have the joy of working with wodden crafts and if the good Lord is willing, next year the Board plans to offer ceramics. We would like to introduce our new superintendent family, they are Bro. Dale & Sis. Marge McCurry. Dale & Marge comes to us from the great state of Missouri, the city of Festus. We commend them for their faithful service to the Lord's work at the Youth Camp we all love so very much.

In our churches we sing the old time favorite, "Count Your Many Blessings, Name Them One By One & It Will Surprise You What The Lord Hath Done." Though we may be surprised what God has done yet we will never be surprised that He could do it. "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Eph. 3:20-21)

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Max Courtney, Sec. Trea.
Rev. Charlie Miller

Rev. Ken Goff - Chairman

Rev. Dale Skiles
Rev. Bud Arnold

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP
Financial Report
Year Ending March 31, 1983

Balance People's Savings Bank, April 1, 1982.....	\$	860.58
Balance Citizen's State Bank, April 1, 1982.....		6.50
Cash in Bank, April 1, 1982.....	\$	<u>867.08</u>

Receipts:

Youth Camp Operations:		
Concessions	\$ 4,511.48	
Registration	24,384.96	
Rentals	<u>6,838.08</u>	
		35,734.48

Individual Gifts	3,874.91
Gifts from Churches, Etc.	4,282.18
Special Gifts	625.00
Refunds and Reimbursements	203.73
Cooperative Receipts	11,346.91
Designated Giving State Asso.	3,606.00
Interest on Checking Account	54.95
Loan Proceeds	<u>60,235.00</u>

84,228.68

Total Receipts.....	\$	<u>119,963.20</u>
Total Cash Accountable This Period.....		<u>120,830.28</u>

Disbursements:

Food	\$11,395.44
Building & Maintenance	12,470.03
Utilities	8,425.29
Concessions	3,859.88
Salaries	6,955.00
Fuel for Camp Equipment	531.91
Personal Vehicle Fuel	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	223.27
Insurance Premiums	4,956.05
Printing and Postage	1,042.90
First Aid Supplies	316.58
Travel and Honorariums	2,952.97
Accounting	250.00
Educational Supplies	394.45
Playground Equipment	387.78
Swimming Pool Maintenance	974.11
Equipment Purchases	4,028.87
Insufficient Funds Checks	518.00
Miscellaneous	<u>812.69</u>

Total Disbursements.....\$ 60,495.22

*Total Cash on Hand, March 31, 1983.....	\$	<u>60,335.06</u>
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*Balance as follows:	Cash in Banks	\$10,100.06
	Unused Loan	\$50,235.00

Please note: The total cash available excluding the loan proceeds is \$ 100.06
Please note also that the anticipated pool debt retirement is \$15,000.00
168 Missouri Churches X \$89.29 per year X 4 Years will equal \$60,000.00+

GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS:

Adams, Philip	\$ 20.00
Anderson, Verlin	20.00
Arnold, Bud	44.10
Bergmann, Warren	5.00
Blubaugh, Tom	25.00
Clements, Dwight	193.00
Cochran, Marvin & Judith	80.00
Hoover, Venice	25.00
Leverich, Melvin	1,022.00
McCullough, Thomas	4.00
McCurry, Dale & Marge	30.00
Munn, Philip, Jr.	20.00
Payton, Lois	10.00
Pinkston, Carvil & Violet	25.00
Rippy, Joyce	1,000.00
Rogers, L.E.	6.00
Stafford, Bertha	1,280.40
Stailey, Leo	20.00
Stewart, James & Rosella	48.00
Wade, Tom	6.00
Willock, Doris	<u>1,000.99</u>

GIFTS BY ASSOCIATIONS:

Cave Springs	\$ 331.00
Central Western	275.00
Greater Kansas City	40.00
Indian Creek	410.00
Laclede County	0.00
Liberty	400.67
Mission	2,012.05
Bootheel	0.00
North East	50.00
North West	0.00
Niangua	0.00
St. Francois	474.00
St. Louis District	979.60
South Central	360.00
Greater Springfield	122.15
South East	<u>0.00</u>

GIFTS FROM CHURCHES:

Aulsbury Chapel	\$ 110.00
Bethel	881.60
Faith, Lemay	70.00
Fellowship	30.00
First, Lebanon	183.34
First, Mtn. Grove	360.00
Hannon	150.00
Hartville	758.22
Leadington	150.00
Liberty	64.00
Macedonia	333.33
Marshfield	68.00

(Gifts from churches, Continued)

Monett	\$240.00
Mountain Valley	302.00
Mount Pisgah	70.00
Myrtle	166.00
New Harmony	50.00
New Home	110.00
New Life	683.71
New Rock Springs	101.00
Niangua	200.00
Olivet	40.00
Oscalosa	60.00
Parkview	114.00
Pleasant Grove	50.00
South Side	48.00
Thayer	120.00
Union (Success)	120.00
Verdella	110.00
Willow Springs	90.00

Projected Budget For April 1, 1983 - March 31, 1984

Receipts:

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 60,335.06	
Receipts from Cooperative Giving	12,650.00	
Gifts From Churches	3,464.98	
Gifts From Individuals	3,974.91	
Registration	25,910.96	
Rentals of Campgrounds	7,338.08	
Concessions	5,211.45	
Gifts From Organizations	1,500.00	
State Designated Giving	4,117.51	
Refunds & Reimbursements	1,000.00	
Anticipated Pool Debt Retirement	<u>15,000.00</u>	\$140,502.95

Disbursements:

*Swimming Pool Construction	\$ 60,235.00	
Camp Superintendent's Salary	6,000.00	
Bonuses	100.00	
Concessions For Resale	5,060.00	
Food	12,757.02	
Utilities	8,000.00	
Board Travel & Honorariums	2,960.00	
Insurance Premiums	4,956.05	
Accounting	250.00	
Printing & Postage	1,546.90	
Equipment Purchased	1,000.00	
Salaries of Workers	1,500.00	
Building & Maintenance	13,000.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	160.00	
Payment & Interest on Loan	<u>22,800.00</u>	\$140,324.97

Balance on Hand March 31, 1984 \$ 177.98

*To complete the swimming pool construction, it will be necessary to draw the entire amount of the loan (\$60,235.00) within one year. Therefore, it must be carried as a liability within that year.

MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP, INC.
BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 1983

CURRENT ASSETS

Peoples Savings Bank & Citizens State Bank \$60,335.06

Total Cash Assets.....\$ 60,335.06

FIXED ASSETS

Land and Buildings \$426,656.00

Machinery 11,500.00

Equipment 3,500.00

\$441,656.00

Total Assets.....\$501,991.06

LIABILITIES

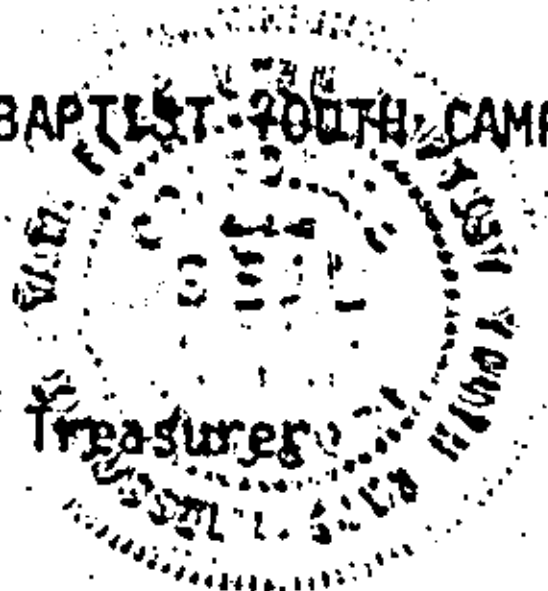
Loan Citizens State Bank, Marshfield \$ 60,235.00

\$ 60,235.00

Total Assets Less Liabilities.....\$441,756.06

Respectfully Submitted,
MISSOURI STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP, INC.
Star Route, Box 22
Niangua, Missouri 65713

Max Courtney, Secretary - Treasurer
P.O. Box 84
Licking, Missouri 65542



Missouri State Home Missions Report

Dear Friends of Missouri State Home Missions,

We greet you in the name of Our Lovely Lord Jesus Christ who died for us that we might live for Him.

Eternity has swallowed up another year, and we find ourselves looking back over our shoulders for accomplishments on the mission field. Although we cannot boast of any outstanding and overwhelming results, we can thank God for some forward progress in every one of our mission works. We will quickly review the past year.

There were two changes in pastoral leadership — Brother Steven Hale replaced Brother David Kirby who resigned from Moberly, and Brother Dale Cockran replaced Brother Dan Booth who resigned from Rolla. Other mission pastors are Brother Bobby Frances at Branson, Brother Wayne Hale at Sikeston and Brother James Crawford at Seymour. Each of our mission works have experienced growth numerically and financially over the past year. We did terminate our pastoral support at Poplar Bluff in January, 1983. It is our hope that in this coming year these older works will be able to undertake more of their own financial responsibility so we can finance new works in other places.

Now for a look at the future. On May 15, Brother Jim Williams was employed as missionary to Carthage, Missouri. Brother Williams will be on itnerate for the next few months raising his financial support. Plans are to complete itinerary and begin services by September 1, 1983. This will be a joint project between the Indian Creek Association, the Missouri State and the National Home Missions boards. We are looking forward to a real fruitful ministry in Carthage, Missouri. The Indian Creek Association is to be commended for their efforts in regard to this project. Their vision, prayers and financial support have provided a good foundation upon which we can build. Several of these churches have experienced pastoral changes since the ground work for the Carthage, Missouri, mission was laid. Each of these new pastors have continued to lead their people in prayer and financial support. These pastors and their people are to be commended. With their vision and support this work is sure to excel; however, these folk by themselves are not able to carry this load. We, the Missouri State Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board, are depending on all Free Will Baptists throughout Missouri to get behind this mission effort with your prayer and financial support. Please schedule Brother Williams in your church or conference.

We conclude with a sincere thank you to every pastor, church organization or individual who so faithfully have supported your Missouri Home Mission Board and its concerns. Our prayers are that Our Lord and Master would grant that you would experience tremendous growth in your church and life as a reward for your support of missions.

In Christ,

Mo. State Home Misslon Board

Cliff Bowman, Chairman

Roger Harwell, Sec.-Treas.

Glen Rehkop

Dale Underwood

Teddy Wilbanks

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1983
GENERAL FUND - CHECKING ACCOUNT

Cash balance March 31, 1982 2,341.36

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Fund	41,852.80	
Undesignated giving	18,055.11	
Returned Salaries	9,988.03	
Branson	1,167.77	
Carthage	1,122.60	
Moberly	685.05	
Sikeston	40.00	
Blue Springs	1,055.00	
Building Payments	3,149.07	
Ins. Repayments	264.00	
Sedalia	734.18	
National Home Missions	300.00	
TOTAL	78,413.61	78,413.61
BALANCE		80,829.55

DISBURSEMENTS:

Branson	13,120.00	
Blue Springs	1,055.00	
Moberly	12,569.98	
Poplar Bluff	6,800.00	
Rolla	9,450.00	
Seymour	7,500.00	
Sikeston	13,200.00	
Mileage	2,811.27	
Telephone	478.96	
Bookkeeping	1,500.00	
Rolla Building Payment	4,029.60	
Moberly Building Payment	1,093.00	
National Home Missions	300.00	
Miscellaneous	217.52	
Kansas City, 1st. Church	2,930.00	
Lutheran Bev. Ins.	1,614.75	
TOTAL	78,670.08	78,670.08
BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND		2,159.47

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1983

LOAN FUND

Cash Balance March 31, 1982		23,391.41
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Receipts

Missouri State Woman's Auxiliary	59.12	
Christian Tabernacle	9,000.00	
(Payments on 1st.Church,KC)		
Interest	5,857.77	
Calvary Chapel	37,000.00	
(Repayment of loan)		
Board of Retirement & Ins.	32,000.00	
(Rolla Loan)		
TOTAL	83,916.89	83,916.89

BALANCE		107,308.30
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Disbursements

Payment for Rolla building	31,800.00	
Loan to Rolla (new furnace)	500.00	
Transferred to Checking)	6,200.00	
City of K.C.,Mo.	2,293.28	
Moberly Loan	5,465.00	
Charter Bank (C.D.)	10,000.00	
TOTAL	56,258.28	56,258.28

BALANCE		51,050.02
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Balance on hand March 31, 1983		51,050.02
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MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST, INC.
BALANCE SHEET FOR 1982-83

Current Assets

Cash in bank (Checking Account)	2,159.47	
Cash in bank (Loan Fund)	<u>51,050.02</u>	
Total	53,209.49	53,209.49

Other Assets

Harmony Loan	6,575.58	
Seymour Loan	17,000.00	
Christian Tabernacle Loan	175,000.00	
* Supervised Property	<u>325,000.00</u>	
Total	523,575.58	523,575.58

Equipment

Office Equipment	150.00	
Church Supplies	<u>500.00</u>	
Total	650.00	650.00
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>577,435.07</u>

* Properties under our supervision:

	<u>VALUED</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>EQUITY</u>
Branson	50,000.00	41,500.00	8,500.00
Moberly	78,500.00	43,500.00	35,000.00
Poplar Bluff	40,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Seymour	50,000.00	17,000.00	33,000.00
Sikeston	90,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00
Malden	<u>16,500.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>12,500.00</u>
TOTALS	325,000.00	156,000.00	169,000.00

Board Equity	169,000.00	
Fund Balance	<u>252,435.07</u>	
TOTAL EQUITY	421,435.07	421,435.07

LIABILITIES:

Supervised Properties	156,000.00	156,000.00
Total Liabilities & Equities		577,435.07

* Board Appraisal

MISSOURI STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR YEAR 1983-84 GENERAL FUND

Balance in General Fund March 31, 1983: 2,159.47

Anticipated Income:

Cooperative Fund (18½% of 230,000.00)	42,550.00	
Designated Giving	38,000.00	
Itinerate (New Project)	<u>10,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	90,550.00	<u>90,550.00</u>

BALANCE 92,709.47

Anticipated Expenses:

Salaries	63,000.00	
Housing Allowances	19,000.00	
Board Expenses	5,209.47	
Bookkeeping	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous Designated	<u>4,000.00</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	92,709.47	92,709.47

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

GIVING BY ASSOCIATION: YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1983

Greater Kansas City Association	3,575.71
Indian Creek Association	2,358.13
Mission Association	1,861.59
St. Louis Association	1,730.42
St. Francois Association	1,720.14
Cave Springs Association	414.55
South Central Association	377.72
North East Association	377.53
South East Association	271.00
Greater Springfield Association	152.00
Niangua Association	120.00
Liberty Association	25.00
Bootheel Association	-0-
Central Western Association	-0-

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

ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF DESIGNATED GIFTS FROM INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS 1982-83

Aulsbury Chapel	145.00	Merl's Chapel	8.64
Beacon	953.00	Rock Chapel	720.77
Berean	25.75	Sedalia	323.46
Berkeley	612.00	So. Fremont	5.00
Bethel	275.00	South Side	10.00
Central	468.07	Trinity	5.00
De Soto	100.00	Terrill Rd.	104.00
Farmington	200.00	Thayer	64.05
Flat River, 1st.	300.00	Tyrone	550.00
Fordland	42.00	Union Light	91.00
Fredericktown	30.00	United, West Plains	39.75
Fourth	5.00	Victory	278.00
Grace	300.00	West Plains, 1st.	178.00
Houston	213.52	Nat. Home Missions	75.00
Hurryville	125.00	Viburnum Church & Aux.	118.27
Indian Creek Ass'n.	1,711.59	Central Woman's Aux	200.00
Joplin	100.00	Macadonia Woman's Aux.	225.00
Leadington	370.00	Pearl Denton Woman's Aux	71.20
Mill Creek	120.00	(Farmington)	
Monett	75.00	Carol Pinkerton Woman's Aux.	71.20
Mo. State Woman's Aux.	994.85	(Farmington)	
Mt. Grove, 1st.	12.50	Myrtle Woman's Aux	30.00
Myrtle	219.00	New Harmony Woman's Aux.	20.00
New Harmony	277.22	Bertha Stafford (Estate)	1,280.40
New Life	90.00	Shelva Hart	25.00
N.E. Ass'n.	50.00	Leamon Killian	15.00
Oak Hill	106.39	Mary Ann Owens	15.00
O'Fallon	315.00	Frank Raney	200.00
Olivet	900.00	Wayne Wagner	80.00
Parkview	24.00		
Pleasant Ridge	120.00		
Mt. Zion. Thayer	80.00		

A very special "THANK YOU" From your State Home Mission Board.

MISSOURI STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL & CTS BOARD

Greetings to the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist.

We are excited about what the Lord has done through our State Sunday School/Church Training Service Board. We are especially looking forward to being of even greater service to our district associations and local churches in the years ahead.

Because of faithful churches supporting the Cooperative Program we have been able to provide Sunday School Growth Workshops, cooperate in seminars with other boards, and organize the State C.T.S. Competitive activities. This year's competition held at Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton, Mo. included 70 participants representing 12 churches.

On October 10 & 11 we have scheduled a Growing by Discipleship Workshop with Howard Ball from Churches Alive. This will be an important workshop for both pastors and laymen in assisting the in developing new converts into responsible, reproducing church members.

In the coming years, we hope to be of more service to our churches in helping them in growing their Sunday Schools and in effectively training new converts. We appreciate your prayerful support in our ministry.

In Christ's Service,

Howard Gwartney, Secretary
Richard Pointer, Treasurer
Edwin Bowden
Ken Petty

Missouri Sunday School & CTS Board
Financial Report

April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983

Balance Brought Forward April 1, 1982	\$1,807.29
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Receipts

Cooperative Fund	\$4,524.62	
CTS Competition	980.25	
Offerings	108.45	
Interest	57.18	
Transfer Accounts	<u>82.65</u>	
		<u>5,753.15</u>
		7,560.44

Disbursements

Mileage	951.00	
Telephone	246.45	
Food & Lodging	394.42	
Printing & Postage	252.00	
CTS Competition	2,049.10	
State Association	325.00	
Secretary & Treasurer	100.00	
Sunday School Literature	71.77	
Transfer Accounts	<u>82.65</u>	
		<u>4,472.39</u>

Balance March 31, 1983	3,088.05
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Missouri Sunday School & CTS Board

Proposed Budget 1983-84

Balance April 1, 1983		\$3,088.05
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Projected Income

Cooperative Fund	4,600.00	
CTS Competition	550.00	
Offerings	100.00	
Interest	100.00	
Workshops	<u>400.00</u>	
		<u>5,650.00</u>
		8,838.00

Projected Expences

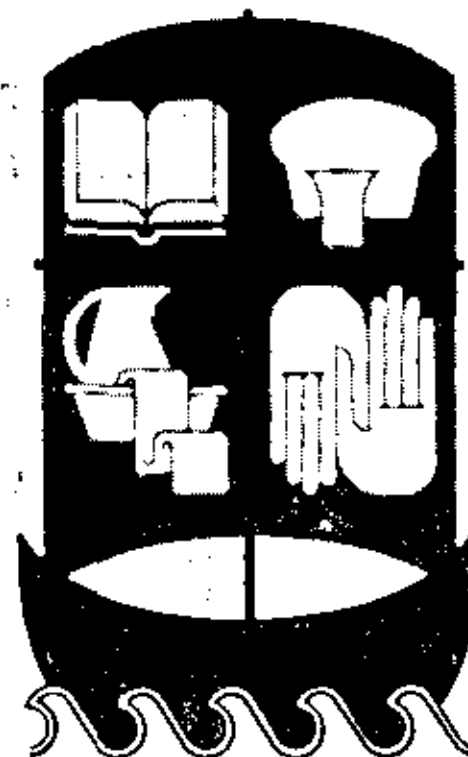
Mileage	1,000.00	
Telephone	250.00	
Food & Lodging	500.00	
Printing & Postage	300.00	
CTS Competition	1,200.00	
State Association	350.00	
Secretary & Treasurer	100.00	
Sunday School Literature	100.00	
Workshops	<u>1,500.00</u>	
		<u>5,300.00</u>

Projected Balance March 31, 1984		3,538.00
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

1134 MURFREESBORO ROAD MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1088
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202-1088 PHONE (615) 361-1010



June 6, 1983

Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists:

We are grateful for the systematic and sacrificial support you have given to the Executive Office, Departments and Commissions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. during 1982. Your sacrificial stewardship has enabled us to fulfill the tasks assigned to us.

The Cooperative Channel receipts totaled \$759,379.21 during 1982. Missouri contributed \$78,239.82 through this channel. The 1983 COOP allocations are on the attached sheet. You may obtain brochures explaining the Cooperative Channel by writing the Executive Office, P.O. Box 1088, Nashville, TN 37202.

The 1982 National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas registered over 5,300. The meeting went well when one takes into account the serious issues which were dealt with. The maturity which characterized the sessions was encouraging as well as a renewed interest and involvement in denominational business. The National Convention is the annual business meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. The convention adopted a \$9,513,156.06 budget for 1983 (See attached sheet). The 1983 National Convention will be in Columbus, Ohio, July 17-21.

CONTACT Magazine continues to serve a vital and valuable role in keeping our constituency informed about denominational news. Individual subscriptions are \$8.50 per year. Church Family Plans are \$7.50 per family per year. Pastors of churches which adopt the CONTACT Church Family Plan receive a complimentary subscription to CONTACT. The Family Plan must have at least two families to qualify.

Conflict, controversy and criticism has been a part of the Free Will Baptist heritage and history. At the present time some differences, dissatisfaction and disillusionment exist in our denomination. Let us continue to pray that God will work out His perfect Will as we seek to resolve differences and difficulties which we face. In the light of our distinctiveness, dispersedness and diversity, it is natural and normal that differences and disagreements should arise. A denomination is not to be measured by whether or not it has disagreements but how well it is able to resolve such disagreements in a manner which will bring glory to God.

Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists
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June 6, 1983

Your contributions to the Executive Office, Departments, Commissions
and Auxiliaries of the National Association during 1983 are listed
below:

Executive Office	\$ 14,018.11
FWBBC	26,268.39
Foreign Missions	155,573.55
Home Missions	81,055.04
Retirement & Insurance	4,818.05
FWB Foundation	-0-
Historical Commission	-0-
Master's Men	583.86
Commission on Theological Liberalism	583.86
Woman's Auxiliary	<u>1,155.73</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$284,056.59</u>

May God richly bless you as you live, labor and look for Him.

Rejoicing and Resting in Him, Your Servant,

Melvin Worthington
Melvin Worthington, Th.D.
Executive Secretary

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1983 CO-OP Allocations

The Budget Committee recommended that gifts received through the Cooperative Plan be allocated to the national ministries* on the following basis:

1. Underwrite the Executive Office Administrative Budget above those gifts received directly.
2. Disburse the balance of undesignated funds to the following national ministries according to these percentages:

Free Will Baptist Bible College	23.0%
Foreign Missions	23.0%
Home Missions	18.0%
Board of Retirement	15.0%
Master's Men	13.0%
Free Will Baptist Foundation	6.0%
Commission on Theological Liberalism	1.0%
Historical Commission	1.0%

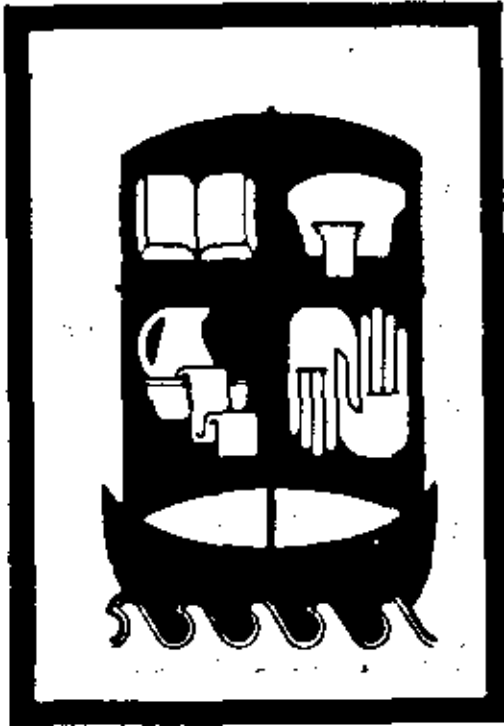
TOTAL 100.0%

*All national ministries are funded by the Cooperative Plan except for Executive Church Bonds and the Sunday School and Church Training Department which are self-sustaining.

1983 Budgets Adopted

Executive Office	\$ 270,227.06
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,295,000.00
Foreign Missions	2,527,807.00
Home Missions and Church Extension	1,400,000.00
Master's Men Board	60,600.00
Board of Retirement	132,100.00
Free Will Baptist Foundation	17,000.00
Sunday School and Church Training	2,810,422.00

TOTAL \$9,513,156.06



Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

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June 7, 1983

Dear Friends in Missouri:

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department. I trust that 1982 was a good year for your state work and that you are meeting the challenges of 1983.

1982 was an outstanding year for National Home Missions. Our missionaries and staff members saw over 1,500 souls saved, and gave \$150,000 from their mission churches to outside causes.

Twelve new missionary couples were sent to the fields in 1982. Nine mission churches became self supporting. A missionary was sent to Puerto Rico, one to Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and one to re-establish the First Free Will Baptist Church in New Durham, New Hampshire, which Benjamin Randall started.

A new record was set in giving to the National Home Missions Department. The amount given was \$1,434,624.39. That is \$119,727.65 over 1981. In light of the sagging economy for last year, that is great! God is still blessing and providing for His people! Thirty states, Canada, and the Virgin Islands exceeded their quotas for 1982. Missouri gave \$81,055.04, which was \$6,055.04 over your quota of \$75,000.00. This letter is to say thanks to you and all the wonderful people in Missouri. Without your prayers, giving, and helping in so many ways, this could not have been possible. Your quota for 1983 is \$85,000.00. We will be praying that God will help you to reach this quota and even go beyond it.

1982 was a great year for our Evangelism Conferences. We held 15 across our denomination. God is using these conferences to challenge and encourage our preachers and people - plus we are seeing many souls saved through these "camp meeting" type services. We have 17 of these scheduled for 1983. We are so happy to have added to our staff Brother Connie Cariker, our new Director of Evangelism, who will head up these conferences. Contact him for information on these.

We are thankful for Brother Jim Williams, your new joint project worker to Carthage, Missouri. Please pray for him as he plants a new church in that city. Please continue praying for the 52 Home Missions families who are involved in starting new churches throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Please pray for the Home Missions Department and for the staff men, Roy Thomas, Trymon Messer, John Gibbs, and Connie Cariker, that God will use them to challenge our home missionaries and pastors across our country to do what we can to see a much needed revival in our denomination through our soul winning and evangelism conferences. If we can be of any help to you in any way, please feel free to call upon us. We are here to serve, and we want to help.

Yours in Christ,
Trymon Messer
Associate Director

Can The Home Missions Traveling Team Help You?

- Because of the need for new Free Will Baptist churches.
- Because of the need to win many souls to Jesus.
- Because of the need for someone to encourage our pastors and churches.
- Because of the need to bring a much needed revival to America.

the National Home Missions Office Staff travels constantly among Free Will Baptist churches. If we can help you, contact National Home Missions, Post Office Box 1088, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.



Rev. Roy Thomas, General Director of the National Home Missions Department of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and Luther Rice Seminary. He was converted in the First Free Will Baptist church begun in the Northwest, at Buhl, Idaho. He has organized churches in Artesia, New Mexico and Denver, Colorado, and has also pastored in Springfield and Clarksville, Tennessee. He is a former National Home Missionary and Home Missions Board member. He served seven and one-half years as Associate Director of the National Home Missions Department before becoming the General Director. He has conducted revivals and conferences in nearly every state where Free Will Baptists have churches.

Director of Development for the National Home Missions Department of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, **Rev. John Gibbs**, is an alumnus of Free Will Baptist Bible College. While in Bible College he pastored Good Springs Free Will Baptist Church near Nashville. He also has pastored at West End Free Will Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee; the Bryan Park Free Will Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia; and Wooddale Free Will Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. He pioneered Tennessee's first full time state office as Promotional Man for 3½ years. Mr. Gibbs is not only a fervent Bible preacher, but also a gospel singer whose rich baritone voice has been used to bless the hearts of Free Will Baptist people throughout the United States.



Mr. Trymon Messer, Associate Director of the National Home Missions Department of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tennessee, comes from a wide background of Home Missions experience, having served as a National Home Missions Board member, and also leading the First Free Will Baptist Church of Salina, Kansas to become the largest church established as a National Home Missions project. This church was winner of the National Sunday School attendance campaigns in 1975 and 1976. While he was pastor there, the church reached a record attendance of 864 in Sunday School. Mr. Messer is a personal soul winner, and has been used to instruct churches across America in church growth methods and soul winning which resulted in marked increases in attendance.

Director of Evangelism for the National Home Missions Department, **Rev. Connie Cariker**, is one of Free Will Baptists most outstanding preachers and church builders. His unusual background and his warm heart and fervent preaching appeal to all. His only pastorate, West Tulsa Free Will Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, grew under his leadership of 21 years to a high attendance of 1,205. He has distinguished himself by being able to genuinely communicate with our people in churches from coast to coast.



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

Dear Friends in Missouri:

Forty years ago this past September 15th, your Free Will Baptist Bible College admitted its first students. As in each of these past forty years, the dormitories opened again on August 23 to admit some of the finest young people our denomination has. Young people are still offering themselves as "living sacrifices" to go wherever the Lord will call them. The school spirit has never been better.

The "Call of God" is still real on the campus of your only National College. Young men and women from your state and others are still answering the mission call to foreign lands. "Here am I, send me" is still a daily prayer that goes up from the campus missionary prayer band. Choice young men are preaching persuasively the pure, unadulterated Word of God with power and authority. They have felt the call and received instruction at your college. Christian teachers are busily instructing literally thousands of students in both Christian and public schools of this nation. Their lives are a testimony to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Without any reservations we can assure you Free Will Baptist Bible College is worthy of your support. There is no better investment that can be made. Missouri Free Will Baptists proved they believed that by giving \$27,068.03 to the General Fund, \$1,257.50 to the Building Fund, and \$6,740.00 to the Graduate School for a total of \$35,065.53 during the college's fiscal year of 1981-82.

We are happy to show you the total General Fund gifts to Free Will Baptist Bible College from all our people over the past five years.

<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>
\$362,809.85	\$425,001.05	\$494,610.94	\$505,623.84	\$571,144.12

Missouri gifts to the General Fund during these same five years were:

<u>1977-78</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>	<u>1981-82</u>
\$19,205.80	\$20,145.63	\$22,386.42	\$28,039.23	\$27,068.03

Missouri is being asked for \$30,000 during the college year, June, 1982--May, 1983. In order to reach this goal you will need to average \$2,500 per month through May. Your average for the first eleven months (June - April) of this college year was \$2,033.40 per month which is 81% of your goal.

Sincerely yours,


Paul J. Kettelman
Director of Public Relations

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ANNUAL REGISTRATION REPORT 1982-83

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

First Semester.	510
Second Semester Additional Enrollment	48
Summer 1982 Enrollment Not Already Counted	11
Total Year Enrollment	569

ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWNS

By State

Alabama 45	Louisiana 2	South Carolina 24
Arizona 1	Maryland 2	Tennessee 93
Arkansas 14	Michigan 30	Texas 8
California 4	Mississippi 12	Vermont 1
Delaware 1	Missouri 27	Virginia 31
Florida 14	New Mexico 2	Washington 9
Georgia 32	New York 1	West Virginia 12
Idaho 1	North Carolina 110	Wisconsin 2
Illinois 21	Ohio 12	Foreign 13
Indiana 21	Oklahoma 6	(Brazil, Canada,
Kansas 4	Oregon 1	France, Haiti, Ivory
Kentucky 12	Rhode Island 1	Coast, Japan, Spain)

(The student body represents 32 states and 7 foreign countries.)

By Classification

Freshmen 204	Juniors 98
Sophomores 148	Seniors 79
Special 40	
Ministerial 126	Free Will Baptist 549
Missionary 81	Other 20
Single 411	Male 299
Married 158	Female 270

ENROLLMENT REVIEW--LAST TEN YEARS

1973-74 637	1978-79 612
1974-75 614	1979-80 613
1975-76 615	1980-81 581
1976-77 619	1981-82 648
1977-78 640	1982-83 569



May, 1983

Dear FWBBC Friends in Missouri:

The time has rolled around again for us to send our letter of thanks to the people of your great state. It seems so trite to say thank you for what you have done for Free Will Baptist Bible College last year. However, that is the only way I know to say it. Please believe that this thank you is sincere.

I have been on the mailing list of a great Christian school in this country for some thirty years. Nearly every article I have ever read from the president of that institution has, in some way, referred to three things--prayer, students, and money.

If I had to say what the three greatest needs at Free Will Baptist Bible College are, I would list the same three things and list them in that order. We must have the prayers of God's people. No spiritual ministry can be successful without prayer.

Then, we need our people to recommend the right kind of students. Everyone should not come to Free Will Baptist Bible College. Only special people, whose hearts God has touched about being serious in their Christian lives and their service for God, should come.

Then, we need some of the Lord's money. I sincerely believe that a dollar invested in the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College, where preachers, missionaries, Christian school teachers, church secretaries, music directors, youth directors, bus ministry workers, etc. are trained, is one of the best places in this denomination you can invest a dollar for God, which will pay lasting dividends. The real investment in this college is in the lives of young people in training for the service of the Lord.

As most of you know by now, the college has purchased three new properties east of the gymnasium near the inner loop of I-440, which is now under construction. These properties are being used now for married student housing and in the case of overflow enrollment, can be used for up to forty-six additional students. The total cost of these properties is \$264,500. The Development Department is now in a campaign to raise this money.

Continue to help us all you can and please come to see us if you have the opportunity. Pray for God's power and blessing to be upon the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Thanks again for your loyal support.

Sincerely,

Ronald Creech
Director of Development

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REPORT ON GENERAL FUND GIFTS BY STATES
June 1, 1982 - April 30, 1983

States	1982-83 Quota	% Given 4-30-83	Gifts as of Apr. 30, 1982	Gifts as of Apr. 30, 1983	Increase (Decrease)
Alabama	\$53,000.00	79%	\$41,530.24	\$41,777.90	\$ 247.66
Arizona	2,300.00	35%	1,008.05	809.04	(199.01)
Arkansas	22,500.00	77%	15,767.20	17,436.97	1,669.77
California	7,000.00	69%	6,145.58	4,850.81	(1,294.77)
Colorado	1,850.00	24%	1,258.77	442.89	(815.88)
*Delaware	200.00	113%	150.00	225.00	75.00
Florida	21,000.00	63%	15,494.62	13,288.92	(2,205.70)
*Georgia	37,500.00	103%	32,821.96	38,612.29	5,790.33
Hawaii	500.00	85%	.00	425.54	425.54
Idaho	1,250.00	50%	806.84	623.60	(183.24)
*Illinois	15,000.00	105%	10,737.89	15,823.23	5,085.34
Indiana	7,000.00	70%	5,853.63	4,902.76	(950.87)
Iowa	1,000.00	0%	329.05	.00	(329.05)
Kansas	2,000.00	84%	965.03	1,688.34	723.31
Kentucky	12,000.00	72%	7,807.71	8,695.26	887.55
Maine	3,000.00	40%	2,655.77	1,200.00	(1,455.77)
*Maryland	2,500.00	109%	2,172.34	2,737.06	564.72
Massachusetts	300.00	0%	200.00	.00	(200.00)
Michigan	21,000.00	90%	17,696.01	18,868.33	1,172.32
Minnesota	500.00	19%	383.90	94.00	(289.90)
Mississippi	18,500.00	78%	16,047.64	14,504.60	(1,543.04)
Missouri	30,000.00	81%	23,563.87	24,400.83	836.96
Montana	200.00	50%	109.41	99.46	(9.95)
Nebraska	400.00	76%	307.81	302.60	(5.21)
New Hampshire	500.00	4%	120.52	20.00	(100.52)
New Jersey	200.00	0%	.00	.00	.00
*New Mexico	700.00	115%	511.57	802.18	290.61
North Carolina	95,000.00	97%	93,505.40	91,974.82	(1,530.58)
Ohio	12,000.00	90%	9,112.28	10,828.58	1,716.30
Oklahoma	30,000.00	64%	20,546.22	19,312.48	(1,233.74)
Oregon	250.00	0%	126.07	.00	(126.07)
South Carolina	38,500.00	78%	36,466.01	29,987.05	(6,478.96)
*Tennessee	68,500.00	119%	67,804.42	81,388.62	13,584.20
*Texas	12,000.00	119%	10,036.81	14,243.14	4,206.33
*Virginia	15,000.00	102%	11,880.64	15,260.85	3,380.21
Washington	750.00	26%	467.03	195.00	(272.03)
*West Virginia	10,000.00	101%	7,773.52	10,079.82	2,306.30
Wyoming	200.00	0%	87.35	.00	(87.35)
W.N.A.C.	3,000.00	48%	1,355.37	1,448.10	92.73
Virgin Islands	400.00	86%	316.44	342.14	25.70
Other	52,500.00	100%	50,051.45	52,289.32	2,237.87
TOTALS	\$600,000.00	90%	\$513,974.42	\$539,981.53	\$26,007.11

Your state should have given 91 2/3% to be on schedule.
The gifts to the General Fund for April, 1983, were \$49,847.28.
Gifts to the General Fund for April last year were \$44,495.19.
*Exceeds Quota.

MISSOURI STUDENTS
1982-83

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Home Church</u>
Adkisson, R. Edward	East Prairie	Cofer's Chapel - TN
Archambo, Marc N.	Desloge	First - Flat River
Cartee, Ruth A.	Flat River	Leadington
Davis, Gregory L.	Mountain Grove	Cabool
Downs, David L.	Marshall	Olivet
Felts, Daniel G.	Springfield	Grant Avenue
Felts, Joanna S.	Bridgetown	Trinity
Forrester, Melanie F.	St. Louis	Berkeley
Fry, R. Cynthia	Mountain Grove	Willow Srpings
Harrington, Rhonda	Grandview	Central
Harrison, Travis	Flat River	Fellowship
Howe, Edward P	Flat River	First
Keesling, Cynthia D.	Mountain Grove	First
Keesling, Susan A.	Mountain Grove	First
McWilliams, Martin R.	Flat River	Fellowship
Mills, Craig S.	Columbia	Columbia
Mowry, Melinda L.	Mountain Grove	Cabool
Nicholson, Rebecca A.	Maryland Heights	Trinity - Bridgeton
Pointer, R. Allen	Springfield	South Fremont
Reeves, Virginia K.	Flat River	Fellowship
Renfro, Larry J.	St. Louis	Fourth
Ritter, Julia E.	Farmington	First
Short, C. David	Independence	Central - Kansas City
Turnbough, Neva Sue	Rolla	First
Wallace, Lisa	Florissant	Berkeley
Willhite, Steven R.	St. Louis	Fourth
Wingate, Kellie K.	Columiba	Columbia

NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT TO
MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION
JUNE 6 - 9, 1983
NELSON COMMUNITY CENTER, LEBANON, MISSOURI

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists:

Greetings from the 189 members of your foreign missions family including the dependent children of our missionaries and appointees.

Your partnership in the gospel is helping make these reports possible:

STEVE AND JUDY LYTLE saw the attendance at Betania church in Panama grow from 15 to 38 during 1982. Six were baptized last year and six more were baptized March 6. Ten children were saved during Vacation Bible School in March. The people increased their giving almost one thousand percent to a total of \$3,400 during 1982.

JERRY AND CAROL PINKERTON have had a blessed ministry in many of your churches during their furlough and are hopeful of returning to the Ivory Coast this summer.

JEFF AND SUSAN TURNBOUGH are making good progress in their study of Spanish in preparation for service in the Madrid area.

JIM AND OLENA McLAIN have been involved in a deputational ministry in preparation for returning to Japan later this summer.

CHAROLETTE TALLENT has a successful ministry with women and children in Lorient, France. She assisted the Lynn Mileys and the Jerry Webbs in distributing 57,000 tracts during the Christmas and Easter holidays.

KEN AND JUDY BAILEY have visited many churches in the state and anticipate leaving for Japan around the first of the year.

STAN AND BRENDA BUNCH have been appointed to serve in Panama. They are just beginning their deputational ministry.

CARLISLE AND MARIE HANNA have begun their 31st year as missionaries in India. They have an extensive ministry in evangelism, training national workers and assisting Indian pastors.

OTHER MISSIONARIES are preaching the gospel so extensively that the sun never sets on the Free Will Baptist witness.

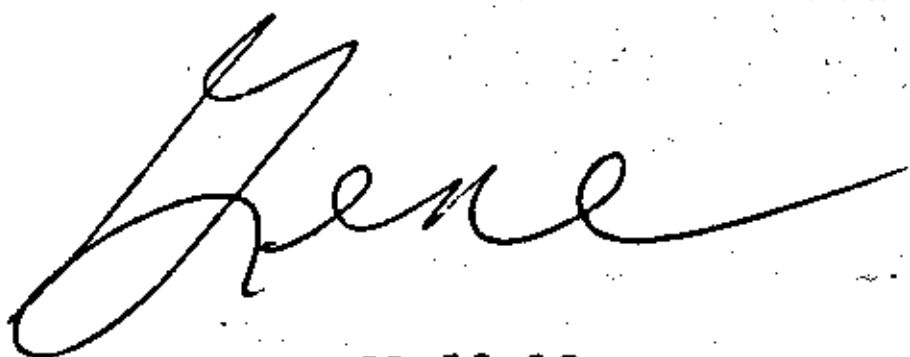
Congratulations! You exceeded your suggested quota by \$25,573.55 last year. You were one of only nine states to do so. The following table reflects your support for your missionaries.

	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>MISSOURI GIFTS</u>	<u>SUGGESTED QUOTA</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL</u>
1978	\$1,656,205.00	\$119,543.00	\$140,000.00	7.22%
1979	1,646,794.00	106,031.00	156,000.00	6.44%
1980	1,763,509.00	113,619.00	146,000.00	6.44%
1981	2,054,891.00	115,790.00	138,000.00	5.63%
1982	2,144,188.00	155,574.00	130,000.00	7.26%
BUDGET FOR 1983--	\$2,527,807.00		145,000.00	5.74%

Our Regionalized Support Plan has been well received. Through this system we try to get missionaries underwritten by their home states. We urge you to rally to the needs of the Baileys and the Bunches. If you would like for them to visit your church contact me. Also, if your church would like to start supporting one of these families let me know. You may reach me at 615/361-1010.

Do you think Christ's last command to preach the gospel in all nations applies to Free Will Baptists today? Is His last command your first concern?

Your servant for Jesus' sake,



R. Eugene Waddell
Associate Director

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MASTER'S



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Box 17306 114 Bush Road Nashville, Tennessee 37217 Phone 615-366 0318

Loyd Olsan, General Director

May, 1983

TO: Missouri State Association

GREETINGS: From the National Master's Men Board.

GROWTH: In 1982 we added 26 new Master's Men chapters. Already in the first four months of 1983, we have added 22 new chapters.

NATIONAL MASTER'S MEN CONFERENCE: The Fifth National Master's Men Conference April 14-16, at Camp Linden, Linden, Tennessee was a tremendous success with some 200 men from 19 states in attendance. Free Will Baptist laymen were used to conduct the devotions, workshops and challenging messages. The Friday evening devotional and testimony time was again the highlight of the conference.

The conference has proven to be a time of spiritual enrichment as well as brotherly fun and fellowship. We look forward to the Sixth Annual Conference in the Spring of 1984 and trust that more Free Will Baptist laymen and pastors will attend.

PRAYER NEEDS: The Lord is blessing and we feel He will continue to do so. Let us share two particular needs:

- * With the resignation of Brother Loyd Olsan, to whom our Board is grateful for seven years of service, we are now in need of God's man to fill the office of General Director. Please pray with us about this need.
- * Our need for financial support. You have been generous in the past, but our indebtedness is great. It is imperative at this time that we seek additional funds. The Director's Club is established to provide financial support for operating the Master's Men Department.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

NATIONAL MASTER'S MEN BOARD

Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College

P.O. BOX 7208
MOORE, OK 73153

May 5, 1983



(405) 794-6661

Report to the Missouri State Association
June 6-9, 1983

Dear Friends of Hillsdale:

Greetings from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College! The members of the administration, faculty and staff join me in wishing you a great state meeting. We are grateful for the good work going on in your state.

God has been gracious to us at Hillsdale. We have experienced a good year. The personnel has shown diligence and dedication toward the task of educating and training students in their quest for purpose in life. The students have applied themselves well and demonstrated their own sincere desire to receive the training that will equip them in their chosen field of service. Rev. Jim Shepherd assumed duties as Vice President of Student Affairs on February 1, 1983. This is a new position that is proving very beneficial to the school. Recent changes in administrative duties include Dr. Thomas Marberry assuming duties as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Mr. Dan Arnold is now Vice President of Business Affairs.

The enrollment for Fall semester 1982 was 168, with 163 enrolling for the Spring semester. We praise God for this increased enrollment for both semesters. The prospects look excellent at this time for a good Fall enrollment.

We are thankful for the good students from Missouri. They have made valuable contributions to the life and mission of Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College. They include:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>HOME TOWN</u>	<u>HOME CHURCH</u>
<u>Freshmen</u>		
Mary Ball	Monett	Monett First
David Brawley	Phillipsburg	Lebanon First
Verla Dockins	Goodman	Pleasant Grove
Curt Holland	Liberal	Verdella
Sherry Housley	Norwood	Rock Chapel
Angela Jordan	Willard	Kingsway
Denise Miller	Jerico Springs	Verdella
Carla Skiles	Springfield	S. Fremont
Lori Strickland	Anderson	Pleasant Grove
Mary Williams	Liberal	Verdella

EDWIN WADE
President

DAN C. ARNOLD
Vice-President of Academic Affairs

ORVILLE J. HOOD
Vice-President of Business Affairs

N. R. SMITH
Director of Public Relations

May 5, 1983

Sophomores

Sheila Burnett	Mountain Grove	Willow Springs
Tresa Dickey	Liberal	Hannon
Stephanie Draheim	Lebanon	Calvary
Robert Francis	Branson	Friendship
Stacey Hampton	Springfield	Grant Avenue
Jimmy Kiser	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove, 1st
Belinda Letterman	Conway	Lebanon First
Scott McCully	Monett	Monett First
Ulen McGary	Shiloh	Shiloh
Charles Peak	Ava	Happy Home

Junior

Mark Brawley	Phillipsburg	Lebanon First
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We extend sincere appreciation for these students and look forward to having several from your state this Fall.

Future plans for upgrading the academic program includes some extensive goals. One of these is regional accreditation. A step toward that achievement is a proposed new library and classroom building. Plans are presently underway to accomplish this project. We will keep you informed of the needs and progress of this endeavor.

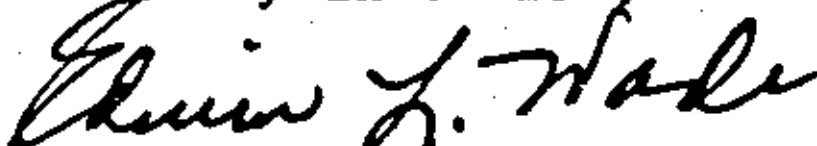
We deeply appreciate the opportunities to represent Hillsdale and minister in the churches of your state. We enjoyed a total of 12 services in Missouri during the past year. One of the highlights was the teen retreat in April. We desire to be of service. If we can minister to your needs, please feel free to contact our Director of Public Relations, Dr. N. R. Smith, or myself.

Your financial support is greatly appreciated. The monies you give help to meet the budget needs of the College. Hillsdale is able to maintain a strong Christian educational program because of the faithfulness of our Free Will Baptist friends.

Reverend Richard Robinson of Thayer, has served your state well on the Board of Trustees. We encourage you to visit with him concerning the function and planning of Hillsdale. Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College appreciates the promotion that Brother Clarence Burton has done for the College.

We ask the people of the Missouri State Association to pray with us that God will use Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College to fulfill its purpose in the work of our denomination. May the Lord honor and add His increase to our united efforts for the ongoing of His Work.

Sincerely in Christ,


Edwin L. Wade
President

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BY-LAWS

Name

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

Purpose

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

Membership

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

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

Officers

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

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

7. The moderator shall be the principal executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the clerk or any other people, officer or agent of the Association there unto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer or agent of the Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The duties of the Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the Executive Committee, to call special meetings of the General Board or Executive Committee when the conditions of By-law 44 are fulfilled, to appoint such committees as are created without provision for their selection, to set the time and place for the meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee, and in general, to fulfill whatever responsibilities that may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.

8. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the assistant moderator shall perform the duties of the moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all

the restrictions upon the moderator. The assistant moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the moderator or by the General Board.

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

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

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

12. All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing Boards include the Board of Christian Education, the Home Missions Board, the Sunday School and Church Training Service Board, the Youth Camp Board, the Retirement Village Board, and the General Board.

13. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to (a) plan and supervise both short and long range programs of ministry, (b) manage as good stewards, all funds and properties entrusted to its care, (c) annually submit a detailed budget for approval by the State Association. The budget shall include 1. Projected income along with expected sources of income. 2. Projects planned and the cost of said projects. 3. Maintenance along with its cost. (d) work in harmony with and toward the common vision of the entire State Association.

14. No board shall initiate any litigation in pursuit of its ministry. Neither shall any board enter into any litigation in the pursuit of its ministry except as required because suit has been initiated against the board. The only exception is that which the State Association may authorize while in session, or the General Board may authorize when the State Association is not in session.

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

term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years, and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of five years.

16. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association, the chairman of all standing boards and one member from each affiliated Association, to be elected by the State body, whose term of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these shall expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the affiliated Association.

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

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

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

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

Duties

21. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the right to employ an Executive Secretary who shall serve as treasurer of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by these by-laws to some other officer, agent, or board of the Association. He shall make an annual financial report to the Association.

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

23. An Executive Committee consisting of seven members of the General Board shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk of the State Association, and four other members to be elected by the General Board; two members to be elected for a two year term and two members to

be elected for a one year term and then two members to be elected each year thereafter, whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Missouri State Association. The Executive Committee shall be the governing board of the Lebanon Bible and Book Store and shall establish policy for the operation of the store. The Executive Committee shall have the power to employ and supervise the Bookstore manager. The Bookstore manager shall employ and supervise the other employees.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Committees

31. The moderator shall appoint a committee on committees consisting of five members who shall appoint all committees with the exclusion of the Auditing Committee who shall be appointed by the General Board. The first appointed shall serve a term of one year, the second a term of two

years and third a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with exception of the General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books and serve as Budget Committee.

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

Representation

33. The standing delegates of this Association shall be all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers and their companion, all ordained deacons, and Associational clerks, provided they are members in good standing in some Free Will Baptist Church belonging to this State Association.

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

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

Voting

36. Those entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of this State Association shall be the elected delegates and the standing delegates as defined in By-Laws 33-34, and each elected delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

37. A majority vote shall be final upon all subjects except to amend the By-Laws, receive Quarterly Meetings or Associations, and the changing of the members of the committees appointed by the moderator, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

Meetings

38. The sessions of the Association shall convene on the first Wednesday following the last Sunday in May at 7:30 p.m. beginning in 1984.

39. The membership of the State Association may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri for any annual meeting. Any special meeting may be called by the General Board. A waiver of notice signed by all members entitled to vote at a meeting may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, as the place for the holding of such meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of the meeting shall be the principal office of the corporation of the

State of Missouri.

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

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

42. All committees and standing boards shall be permitted to take official votes on any item of business within the scope of their work by mail or by telephone conference call, provided such action is called by a chairman of a board or committee and has been proposed by at least two members of the board or committee.

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

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

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

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

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

Discipline

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

49. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January, and end on the 31st day of December of each year.

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

51. No loans shall be contracted, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued for which the State Association shall be legally or morally responsible except as approved by the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists while in session, or by the General Board while in session.

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

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

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

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

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

57. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in age, shall call the Association to

order for business, and call the moderator or assistant moderator to the chair, and if neither moderator or assistant moderator is present, then the senior minister in age shall act as chairman to open the floor for nominations and carry out the election of a moderator pro-tem.

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

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

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

61. Any delegate of this body can appeal from the decision of the moderator of the association, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

62. No one shall leave the Association when in a business session without the consent of the moderator.

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

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

Admendments

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