

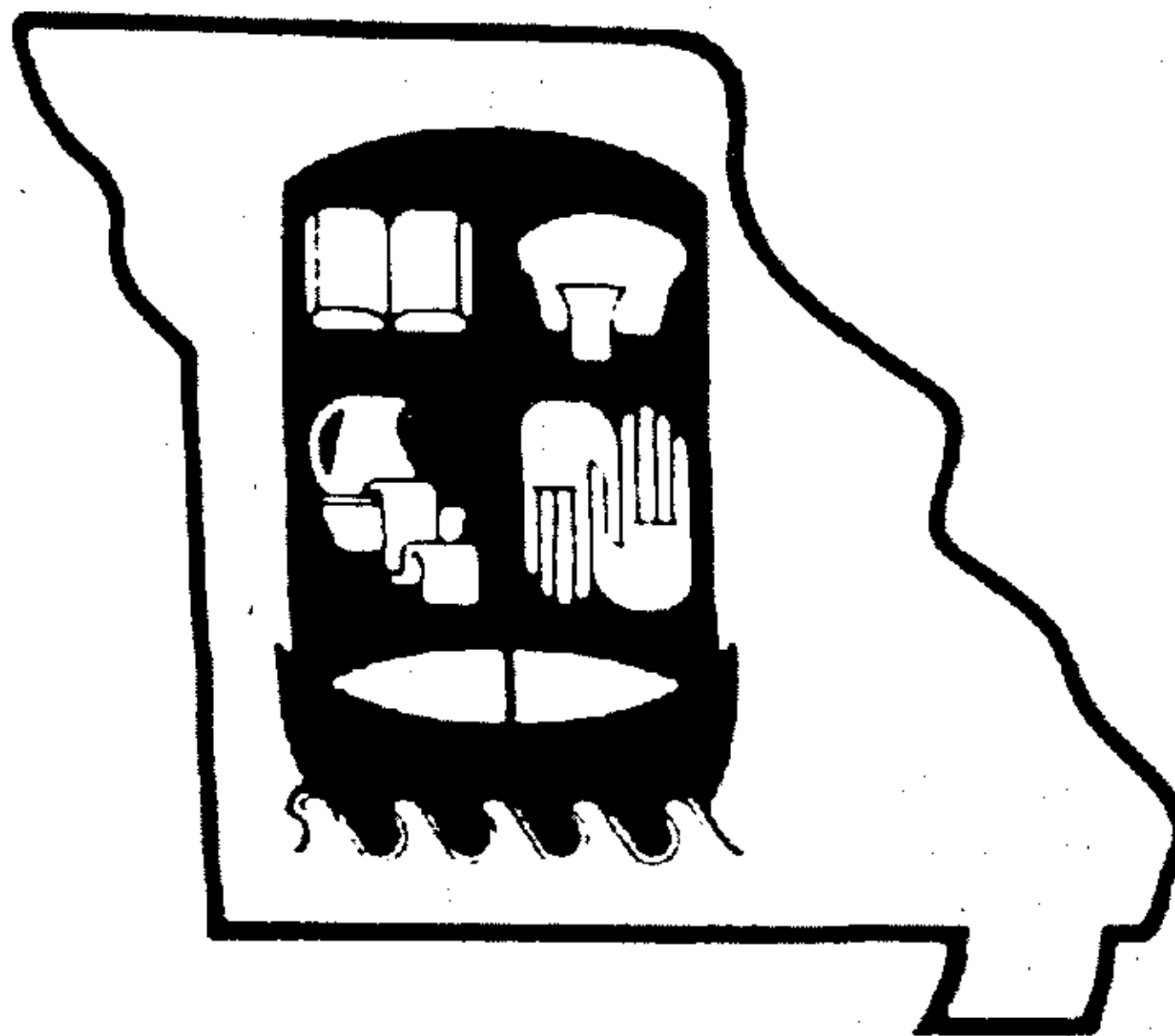
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Greater Kansas City	Rev. Don Walker	1998
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Rev. Vernon Long	1997
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Christian Education Board

Rev. Jay Tilson	1997
Rev. Dennis Bowman	1998
Rev. Roger Hogan, Treasurer	1999
Rev. Jerry Norris, Chairman	2000
Rev. Melvin Moon	2001

Home Mission Board

Rev. Cody Freeman	1997
Rev. Clarence Burton	1998
Rev. Roger Harwell	1999
Rev. Cliff Bowman, Chairman	2000
Rev. Dale Skiles, Treasurer	2001

Senior Adult Ministries Board

Rev. Gene Crewse	1997
Rev. Charles Miller	1998
Rev. Glenn Murray, Chairman	1999
Rev. Gary Sheets, Treasurer	2000
Rev. R.E. Helsley	2001

Youth Camp Board

Rev. Russel McDaris, Treasurer	1997
Rev. Ken Reiter	1998
Rev. Ronnie Blanks, Chairman	1999
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Rev. Gary Parker	2001

Youth Ministries Board

Rev. Curt Gwartney, Chairman	1997
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Rev. Lynn Davenport	2000
Rev. David Brawley	2001

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Rev. James Lee Reed	1999

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Rev. Rick Dablemont	Rev. Jerry Norris	Rev. Cliff Bowman
Rev. Bob Warner	Rev. Glenn Murray	Rev. Ronnie Blanks

Christian Civic Foundation

Rev. Lynn Davenport	1997
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Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College Representatives

Rev. Roger Harwell	1997
Rev. Richard Robinson	1998
Sister Pam Hudson	1999

Historical Commission

Rev. Cecil Campbell, Chairman	1997
Rev. John Schebaum	1998
Rev. James Barker	1999

National Association Board Member

Rev. Nathan Ruble	1997
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Rev. Donnie Anderson	Rev. Ken Goff	Rev. Jerry L. Norris
Rev. Howard Anderson	Rev. Ronald E. Graham	Rev. Gary Parker
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Rev. Lynn Beck	Rev. Jimmy Harrison	Rev. John J. Postlewaite
Rev. Walter Bedell	Rev. Shelva Hart	Rev. James Lee Reed
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Rev. Jeff Daniels	Rev. Vernon Long	Rev. Walter Simpson
Rev. Willard Darnell	Rev. Charles Lotz	Rev. Dale Skiles
Rev. Lynn Davenport	Rev. Steve Lytle	Rev. Virgil Stewart
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Rev. Rick Dement	Rev. James McCully	Rev. Dan Talbott
Rev. Bob Dickey	Rev. Russell McDaris	Rev. Bob Thebeau
Rev. Ken Dodson	Rev. Herb McMillian	Rev. Jay Tilson
Rev. Lloyd Durbin	Rev. Raymond Michael	Rev. Gary Tune
Rev. Bill Eden	Rev. Ted D. Middleton	Rev. Elmer Turnbough
Rev. Bob Epperson	Rev. Bruce Moore	Rev. Don Walker
Rev. Ed Fields	Rev. Glenn Murray	Rev. Bob Warner
Rev. Gary Fry	Rev. George Naumann	Rev. Jim Williams

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Rev. Donnie McDonald

Rev. Roy Harris
Bro. Trymon Messer

Rev. John McClure
Dr. Melvin Worthington

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Diana Anderson
Debra Baker
Reva Baker
Sherman Baker
Terry Baker
Geneva Barker
Debbie Beck
Walter Bedell
Linda Blanks
Jeannie Bowman
Vi Brown
Vivian Burton
Keith Caudle
Tennie Clift
Marvin Cook
Sue Cook
Jean Coy
Leo Coy
Diana Crawford
Dottie Crewse
Judy Dablemont
Tamme Daniels
Marguerite Darnell
Jamie Dement
Dorthy Dickey
Paula Dodson
Barbara Dorsey
Janet Dowd
Della Dugger
Robert Dugger
Janice Durbin
Mary Eden
Jan Ellenstein
Joann Epperson
Lee Evans
Bill Felts
Nancy Fields
Faye Fleischman
Fred Fleischman
Vona Freeman
Margaret Gill
Judy Goff
John Goodwin

Becky Gwartney
Linda Hall
Francis Harding
Pearl Harless
Celesa Harris
Barbara Harwell
Lavelle Headley
Rose Helsley
Patsy Henderson
Maureen Hocker
Carolyn Hogan
Mary Holland
Brigitta Hoskins
Gordon Hoskins
Sandy Howell
Jennifer Huffman
Renee Inman
Shirley Jackson
Brian Jones
Cindy Jones
Dennis Jones
Wilma Jones
Nancy Junge
Raymond Lampert
Betty Lattrap
Richard Lattrap
Warren Livingston
Ada Long
Pauline Long
Susan Mahin
Phillis Maple
Don Martin
Jeanette Martin
Bonnie Maxwell
Louise McCully
Wilma McDaris
Doris McMillian
Douglas McQuarter
Barbara Messex
Ernest Messex
Debbie Michael
Lynda Mitchell
Virgil Mitchell
Gladys Montgomery
Paty Montgomery

Patrick Mullen
Rachel Murray
Dianne Naumann
Shirley Neasby
Darline Neill
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Lehman O'Dell
Sharon Parker
Oletha Parsons
Eulah Payne
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Leah Postlewaite
Jerry Rader
Mildred Rader
Rosalee Reed
Paulette Reese
Evelyn Rehkop
Kay Reiter
Betty Robinson
Leo Ruble
Lorene Schebaum
Lois Shannon
Betty Sheets
Francis Simpson
Elaine Skiles
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Kathy Thebeau
Bernice Thomas
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Kay Wade
Paul Wade
Chris Wagner
Sylvia Warner
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Richard White
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 Billy Brown
 Claude Brown
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 Amanda Bryant
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 Almeda Henry
 Marie Holesapple
 Tommy Holloway
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 Chuck Howe
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 David Inman
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 Amy O'Dell
 Justin O'Dell
 Matthew O'Dell
 Michael O'Dell
 Fern O'Quinn
 Mildred Oxley
 Clarie Parker
 Bud Perkins
 Sherry Perkins
 Donna Perry
 Mark Phillips
 Judy Pierce
 Della Piercy
 Ann Poletti
 Gregory Quinlan
 Betty Reeves
 Evelyn Richmond
 Firmin Richmond
 Jeremy Roderique
 Kimberly Roderique
 Mrs. Edward Ruble
 Filiberto Sanchez
 Linda Sanchez
 Judith Schroeder
 Pansy Shannon
 Robert Sharry
 Tommie Sherry
 Mrs. Glen Sien
 Orville Skeens
 Melissa Smith
 Norma Smith
 William Smith
 Bonnie Stansbarger
 Alice Stephens
 Jessie Sullivan
 Dorothy Swenney
 Eugene Swenney
 Becky Taff
 Joyce Terveen
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 Wanda Young

**Proceedings of the Missouri State Association
of Free Will Baptists**
Theme: “Empowering People to Change the World”
Scripture: Mark 9:29

When convened at the Nelson Community Center in Lebanon, Missouri, June 3 - 6, 1996

Monday Evening, June 3, 1996

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

The evening service began with Rev. David Bates leading the congregation in singing “He Brought Me Out”. Rev. Ken Dodson led in prayer. Rev. Nathan Ruble introduced the Mayor of Lebanon, Mayor Allen who then gave a welcome from the city of Lebanon to the Missouri Free Will Baptist State Association Meeting. The welcome was given by Rev. Clarence Burton and Rev. Glenn Rehkop followed with the response.

Rev. Bob Warner, Clerk, convened the association reading Mark 9:29 followed by the congregation singing “Majesty.”

Special music was presented by the New Life Quartet singing, “Victory Road” and “Here I Am” followed by Rev. Ken Dodson presenting a plaque to our past moderator, Rev. Gary Fry for a “Job well done.” The congregation then sang “Blessed Assurance” followed by The Morlans singing “The Blood” and “Shelter from the Storms.”

Brother Dennis Jones led in prayer and received the evening offering followed by special singing by Amy O'Dell, “Let There Be Praise” and “In The Name Of The Lord.” Bro. Dodson introduced Rev. Gary Fry who delivered the introductory message entitled “Empowering People to Change the World Through Prayer and Fasting” using Mark 9:29 as his text, an invitation was then given while singing “Trust and Obey.”

The moderator introduced Dawn Sweeney of the Children's Home who then gave a short talk about the home, the children and the work being done there. The moderator then made announcements at the close of the service and appointed the Committee on Committees. Rev. Roy Harris dismissed in prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 4, 1996 – Lebanon First FWB Church

(Sunday School Workshop Sponsored by the Christian Education Board)

The welcome and invocation was given by Rev. Jerry Norris, chairman of the Christian Education Board, Bro. Norris introduced Bro. Keith Kenemer, who presented an informative and interesting program on training laymen to build the church. Bro. Keith used Luke 15:4-7 as a foundation for the workshop, presenting many ideas along with using an evaluation form to evaluate the church for areas of growth potential.

Tuesday Evening, June 4, 1996

Rev. Ronnie Blanks, Presiding
(Special emphasis - Youth Camp)

The evening service began with Rev. Jim Williams leading the congregation in singing "We Have Come Into His House" and "Because He Lives", followed by Rev. Fred Warner giving the invocation on the service. Special music was then provided by Sis. Francis Simpson singing "Will Jimmy Make it Home", followed by the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee".

Special music was provided by Sis. Nikki Dolan singing "He's Been Faithful" and "He'll Find A Way." Bro. Blanks led in prayer and received the evening offering. The congregation then sang "He Touched Me", followed by Bro. Nathan Ruble giving an interesting talk about our Youth Camp, past and present.

Special music was provided by Sis. Jamie Lewis, "Old Soldiers Never Die" and "I'm Not Ashamed of the Gospel." The evening message, entitled, "Empowering People to Change the World Through Preaching" was presented by Rev. Ken Goff using 1 Corinthians 1:21 and Acts 17:6 as his texts. An invitation was given singing, "Take Up Thy Cross and Follow Me."

Announcements were made and committees assigned by the moderator, Rev. Ken Dodson and services were dismissed by Rev. Russell McDaris.

Wednesday Morning, June 5, 1996

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

The services were opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Jim Williams and the invocation was prayed by Rev. Dale Skiles.

The Report of the Credentials Committee was read by the clerk. MSC to receive the report and to seat the delegates.

Rev. Ken Dodson presented the Moderator's Message using Philippians 2:7-8 as his text.

Rev. Nathan Ruble, our Executive Secretary, presented the Report of the Executive Office. MSC to receive and approve the report.

The moderator called for the Report of the General Board. The clerk read the report. MSC to receive the report and adopt it item by item.

MSC to adopt Item #1.

MSC to adopt Item #2.

MSC to adopt Item #3.

MSC to adopt Item #4.

(See following pages for the full Report of the General Board and all reports).

Dr. Melvin Worthington extended greetings from the National Executive Office and gave a brief report.

Mr. Warren Livingston presented the Report of the Lebanon Bible & Book Store. MSC to receive and approve the report.

Rev. Jerry Norris presented the Report of the Christian Education Board, the contest between Missouri and Kentucky was lost this year to Kentucky (Mo. 3% and KY 6% increase) and presented the 1996 Roll Call Church of the Year Awards as follows:

1996 Roll Call Sunday Churches of the Year					
Category	Roll Call Church	Pastor	1995	1996	Growth
1 - 49	Lead Hill Church	John Williams	29	105	262%
50 - 74	Forth Church, St. Louis	Bill Adkisson	62	136	119%
75 - 99	Hurryville Church	Ronnie Graham	89	151	70%
100 - 149	Springfield First, Springfield	Gene Howell	148	197	33%
150 - 199	Hartville Church, Hartville	Melvin Moon	161	231	43%
200 & up	Fellowship Church, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	205	290	41%

MSC to receive and approve the report.

The clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Melvin Moon to be re-elected to serve on the Christian Education Board. MSC to elect.

The moderator called for a brief recess.

Wednesday Morning Worship, June 5, 1996

Rev. Bob Warner, Presiding

Rev. David Bates led the congregation in singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus." Rev. Glenn Rehkop led in prayer. Rev. Jim Williams provided a special song entitled "Whatever It Takes." The congregation continued in praise with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Rev. David Bates sang a special entitled "One Voice."

Rev. Rick Dement presented the morning message entitled "Empowering People to Change the World Through Perseverance" using Galatians 6:9 and 1 Kings 19:1-21 as his texts. An invitation was given singing "God Is So Good." The morning service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Warner.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 5, 1996

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

The afternoon session began with Rev. Jim Williams leading the congregation in singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" followed by Rev. R.E. Helsley leading in prayer.

Rev. David Huett presented a devotional entitled "Giving People A Chance To Use Their Gift" using Exodus 31:1-11 as his text.

The moderator called the session back to order to receive reports.

Rev. Billy Brown presented an informational report from Randall House Publications.

Rev. Dale Skiles presented the Report of the Missouri State Home Missions Board. MSC to receive and approve the report.

The clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Dale Skiles to be re-elected. MSC to elect.

Rev. Fred Warner presented an informational report on the Foreign Missions program.

Rev. Glenn Murray presented the Report of the Senior Adult Ministries Board. MSC to receive and approve the report.

The clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. R.E. Helsley to be re-elected. MSC to elect.

Rev. Frank Guinta presented an informational report on the National Foundation Ministry program.

Rev. Ronnie Blanks presented the Report of the Youth Camp Board. MSC to receive and approve the report.

The clerk read the recommendations of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Gary Parker to be re-elected and Rev. Ken Reiter to fill a vacant position on the Youth Camp Board. MSC to elect.

Rev. Roy Harris presented an informational report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, TN and extended greetings from staff and students.

Rev. Curt Gwartney presented the Report of the Youth Ministries Board. MSC to receive and approve the report.

The clerk read the recommendations of the Nominating Committee: Rev. David Brawley to be re-elected and Rev. Lynn Davenport to fill a vacant position on the Youth Ministries Board. MSC to elect.

Rev. Mike Garner presented an information report and extended greetings from the staff and students at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, OK.

Rev. Clarence Burton presented the Report of the Stewardship Commission. MSC to receive and approve the report.

Rev. David Crowe presented an informational report on the National Home Missions program.

Rev. Jim Williams presented an informational report and extended greetings from the staff and students at the California Christian College in Fresno, CA.

The moderator called for a motion to adjourn the session for the day. MSC to adjourn. The session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Nathan Ruble.

Wednesday Evening, June 5, 1996

Rev. Melvin Moon, Presiding

The service was opened with Rev. Curt Gwartney leading the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven" and Rev. Melvin Moon leading in the opening prayer.

Presentation of Certificates of Achievements for courses taken through the extension program from Hillsdale College were then presented by Rev. Rick Dablemont and Rev. Roger Hogan. Certificates were presented to the following individuals; Bro. Don Martin, Deacon; Bro. Greg Quinlin; Sis. Almeda Henry; and Sis Judy Schroder all of the Cuba Free Will Baptist Church.

The congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" followed by offertory prayer by Jerry Lowman and receiving of the evening offering.

Special music was presented by the Mexican Quartet singing familiar songs in Spanish; "Wonderful Man of Jesus", "Springs of Living Water", and "Where Could I Go".

The evening message was delivered by Mexican Pastor, Rev. Felix Zuniga entitled "Empowering People to Change the World With Passion" using 2 Timothy 4:1-2 as his text.

An invitation was given while singing "Softly and Tenderly" with several going to the alter. The service was then dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bob Thebeau.

Thursday Morning, June 6, 1996

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

The morning session was called to order by the Moderator. Several "gifts" donated by Randall House were presented through a drawing of the preachers cards; Rev. Bob Thebeau received the tape on Bible Study, Rev. Roger Hogan received the book on Financial Letters, and Rev. Frank Guinta received the S.S. Attendance Chart.

Rev. R.E. Helsley led the congregation in singing "Victory In Jesus" and Rev. James Barker gave the invocation. Rev. Gene Howell presented the devotional using Zechariah 4:1-10 as his text.

Rev. Ken Dodson presented comments on the trip to Israel this fall followed by comments by Rev. Don Walker.

Rev. James Barker presented the Report of the Historical Commission. MSC to receive and approve the oral report.

The clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. James Barker to be re-elected to serve on the Historical Commission. MSC to elect.

The Moderator called for the Report of the Resolutions Committee and the report was read by the clerk.

MSC to adopt Item #1 as follows: Be it resolved that we give Brother Ruble and the participating churches of the Lebanon area a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting our 1996 Missouri State Association.

The clerk read the Report of the Obituary Committee. MSC to receive and approve the report after a moment of standing silence in memory and honor of those who have gone to be with the Lord. Rev. Rick Dablemont led in special prayer for the family and friends of the deceased giving gratitude for their faith and service to the Lord.

Rev. Nathan Ruble, Executive Secretary, presented the Report of the Placement Committee. MSC to receive the report and to hold the Missouri State Association in St. Francois County, Missouri in 1997.

The following persons were nominated from the floor to serve as state delegates to the 1996 National Association: Clarice Moon, Diana Anderson, JoAnn Epperson, Wilma McDaris and Larry McNeiley. MSC to elect these to serve as delegates.

The moderator called for the remainder of the recommendations from the Nominating Committee. MSC from the floor to receive and approve the newly elected General Board Members from those District Associations electing new Board Members in 1996

The remaining nominations (State Officers) were read by the clerk. MSC to elect those recommended by the Nominating Committee.

MSC from the floor to give our officers a standing vote of thanks for their service this past year.

Rev. Ken Dodson, moderator then spoke on the new Missions Program for our Foreign Missionaries and challenged our churches and individuals to get behind this program. Many gave their commitments at this time.

MSC to adjourn the Eighty-third Session of the Missouri State Association. The session was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Richard Robinson.

Acknowledgments

Rev. Gene Howell served as pianist. Rev. David Bates, Rev. Jim Williams, and Rev. Curt Gwartney led the congregational singing.

“Empowering People to Change the World” (Mark 9:29)

Report of the Committee on Committees

We, the Committee on Committees, recommend the following committees to serve during this Eighty-third session of the Missouri State Association:

Nominating Committee

Rev. Clarence Burton, Chairman
Rev. Frank Guinta
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Ken Reiter
Rev. Jim Williams

Credentials Committee

Rev. Glen Murray, Chairman
Rev. Dale Skiles
Rev. George Nauman
Rev. Ronnie Graham
Rev. Vernon Maggart

Prayerfully submitted,
Rev. Vernon Long
Rev. Jimmy McCully
Rev. Glen Rehkop
Rev. Warren Hall
Rev. Milan Ruble

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Cody Freeman, Chairman
Rev. Lynn Davenport
Rev. Gene Crewse
Rev. Roger Hogan
Rev. Melvin Moon

Obituary Committee

Rev. R.E. Helsley, Chairman
Rev. Bill Eden
Rev. John Postlewaite
Rev. Cletis Nichols
Rev. Calvin Plummer

Report of the Credentials Committee

We the Credentials Committee have examined the letters of the following district associations and recommend that the letter be received and their delegates seated:

Cave Springs
Central Western
Greater Kansas City
Greater Springfield
Indian Creek
Laclede County
Liberty
Mid-Rivers
Mission
Niangua
Northeast
Northwest
South Central
Southeast
St. Francois
St. Louis

Respectfully Submitted,

Glen E. Murray, Chairman



Dale Skiles



Ronnie Graham



George Nauman



Vernon Maggart

Report of the Nominating Committee

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend the following persons to serve in the respective offices of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist:

Moderator	Rev. Ken Dodson
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Rick Dablemont
Clerk	Rev. Robert Warner
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Richard Robinson
Christian Education Board	Rev. Melvin Moon (Term expires in 2001)
Home Missions Board	Rev. Dale Skiles (Term expires in 2001)
Senior Adult Ministries Board	Rev. R.E. Helsley (Term expires in 2001)
Youth Camp Board	Rev. Gary Parker (Term expires in 2001)
.....	Rev. Ken Reiter (Term expires in 1998)
Youth Ministries Board	Rev. David Brawley (Term expires in 2001)
.....	Rev. Lynn Davenport (Term expires in 2000)
Historical Commission	Rev. James Barker (Term expires in 1999)

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. Clarence Burton, Chairman
Rev. Frank Guinta
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Ken Reiter
Rev. Jim Williams

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Report of the General Board
(June 5, 1996)

[Recommendations to the Eighty-third Session]:

Item #1

We recommend adoption of the 1997 Proposed Budget of \$390,000.00; (See Digest of Reports, Page 6).

Item #2

We recommend adoption of the Missouri Foreign Mission Plan.

Item #3

We recommend to make 1997 a year of prayer for Missouri Free Will Baptist and to "gather" in prayer each Wednesday at 9 a.m. for prayer time.

Item #4

We recommend that the Wednesday night offering of the State Convention be equally divided between the Missouri State, National Home and Foreign Mission programs.

Prayerfully submitted on behalf of the General board which met in formal session on Monday afternoon, June 3, 1996 at the State Office in Lebanon, Missouri.

Rev. R.J. Warner
Clerk

Report of the Resolution Committee

June 6, 1996

Resolution #1 . . . Be it resolved that we give Brother Ruble and the Participating churches of the Lebanon area a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting our 1996 Missouri State Association.

Prayerfully submitted,

Rev. Cody Freeman, Chairman

Rev. Lynn Davenport

Rev. Gene Crewse

Rev. Roger Hogan

Rev. Melvin Moon

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

In memory and honor of our Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters who have gone to be with the Lord this past year, we humbly ask that the State Association of Free Will Baptist pause and have a moment of silence and prayer for the family and friends of the deceased, giving gratitude for their faith and service to the Lord.

Bootheal Association

Wanda Hale

Cave Springs Association

Helena Barton
Elsie Bates
Harold Berry
Ruth Holman Boyd
Clint Bridges
Genieve Caldwell
Ruth Caldwell
Betsy Cartee
Ollie Cox
John Loren Crawford

Helen Daffron
Oscar Davis
Nora Dethrow
J.E. Grooms
V.E. (Duck) Hollis
Dewey Jackson
Thrumman Mauldin
Helen Moore
Rev. Harold Ogden
Alpha Patterson

William Phillips
Juanita Rhoades
Arthur Seals
Lena Simpson
Nellie Turner
Joyce Underwood
Mack Warren
Delphia Wetzel

Central Western Association

Bessie Bunton

Jim Calhoun
Melvin Reinhart

John Grider

Greater Springfield Association

Virgie Bagle
Ann Baker
Forrest Deckard

Wanda Draper
Lucille Johnson
Ora Nivens

Wayne Reid
Wilma Roberts
Dean Turner

Indian Creek Association

Joe Davis
Oleta Davis
Steven G. Ford
Haskell Hultgren
Frank Kennedy
Dorthy Knight
Namaan Lombard

Virginia (Chub) Long
Shelvy McMillian
Jack Morlan
Ernestine Moudy
Myrtle Nehrbass
Lillie M. O'Neill
Mary Pace

Juanita Parrish
Clara Rutherford
Betty Schmidt
Nadine Thomas
Nadine Turner
Ada Williams
Reta Williams

Laclede County Association

Opal Light

Opal Munholland

Liberty Association

Verna Alexander
Carl Brown
Vonna Cook
Esta Johnson

Irene Long
Gertude Rue
Lillie Tilden
Caitlyn Tindall

Harold Willis
Charles Woodsworth

Mid-Rivers association

Mattie McCrackin

Josephine Waldschmidt
Earl Young

Marie Weist

Niangua Association

Herbert Appleberry
Wilburn Barclay
Howard Cook

Othel Duff
Veda Dull
Joe Dull

Ressie Richardson
Glen Stidham
Freda Tucker

Northeast Assocaition

Jackie Cottingham
Charles Garrett

Harold Lee Kelsey
Phillip Irvin Lindquist
Archie Ivan Reese

Catherine Reese
Louise Schoonover

Northwest Association

Lillian Boyer

South Central Association

Sheila Chandler
Marilyn Daniels

Eunice Fitzsimmons
Betty Kyburz

Loraine Ogle

Southeast Association

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Nancy Rodgers

Beulah Newberry

St. Francois Association

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Truman Arendal
Gertie Baker

Oma Barker
Goldie Black
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Mrs. Frank Halton

Edna Morris
Wanda Peters
Nellie Rasnic

St. Louis Association

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Myrtle Long

Kay Westbrooks

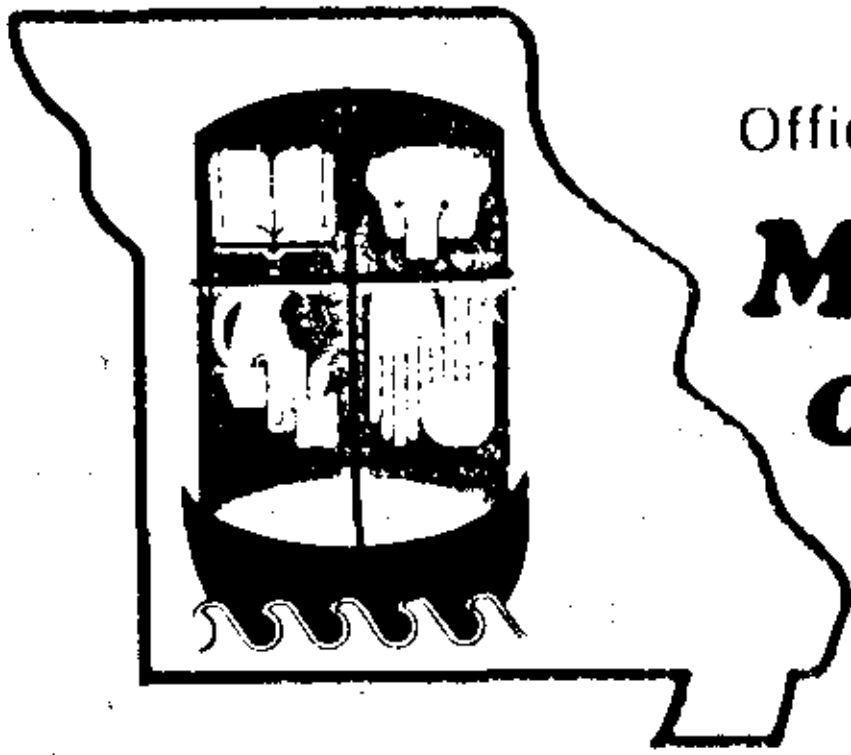
Obituary Committee

R.E. Helsey
John J. Postlewaite
Cletus Nichols
Calvin Plummer
Bill Eden

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The theme for this eighty-third session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is "Empowering People to Change the World."

If we consider the number of people and the massive amount of land area involved, in our own power the Great Commission is too large a task for us. The Lord knew this and told His disciples, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." God empowered His followers to do the task. The convention speakers will cover a number of ways of empowering people to use that power of God to change the world.

Two items of business will be recommended during our business sessions which, if adopted and implemented, will assist us in helping to change the world. First, there is a recommendation to make 1997 a year of prayer for Missouri Free Will Baptists. Second, the Foreign Missions Committee will be recommending a new plan of support for our Foreign Missionaries.

The Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches are committed to changing the world for the Lord. This is reflected by their consistent, generous gifts to state and national ministries. Cooperative giving for 1995 totaled \$447,906.51. This was a 7% increase over the 1994 receipts which totaled \$415,330.22. God is to be praised for His goodness.

Plans concerning the Conference Center continue to move slowly as we wait for the Lebanon property to sell. It is still listed with a realty company. A broker in Camdenton is providing us with some real estate listings for lake property at this time.

Those attending the All Boards Meeting/Preacher-Layman's Retreat at the Youth Camp were encouraged and enlightened by the speakers, Rev. Bill Evans and Rev. Ken Dodson. Brother Dale Skiles organized the annual golf tournament and reported that it had a large number of participants. The 1996 All Boards Meeting/Preacher-Layman's Retreat will be held at the Youth Camp September 16, 17.

I would encourage the churches to send in news items for the Gem. The Gem is one of the best ways of preserving our history. The price for the Gem remains the same with an individual subscription costing \$4.50 and the church plan costing \$4.00 per subscription.

Continue to pray for this ministry. Thank you for the prayers you have prayed and for your words of encouragement.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

We have examined the books of the following: Executive Secretary/State Treasurer, Lebanon Bible & Bookstore, Youth Camp, Christian Education, Youth Ministries, Home Missions, Stewardship and Senior Adult Ministries.

We found them to present fairly the financial position of each respective board as of December 31, 1995.

We commend each treasurer for keeping their records in good order.

Gary Tune
Gary Tune

James Lee Reed
James Lee Reed

Warren Hall
Warren Hall

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS JANUARY - DECEMBER 1995

Alton	\$900.00	Happy Home	\$1,366.77	Overland	\$1,160.00
Bailey-Alton	266.22	Harmony	5,257.00	Ozark 1st	7,626.87
Bailey Chapel	1,197.00	Hartville	6,130.60	Park Hills 1st	6,515.16
Beacon	3,500.00	Hazel Creek	2,366.56	Parkview	3,350.84
Belton	3,557.43	Heritage	294.78	Parkway-Sedalia	6,441.00
Berean	83.00	Hickory Grove	200.00	Pleasant Hill-Thayer	1,100.40
Bethel-El Dor. Spr.	814.77	Hopewell	2,050.00	Pleasant Home-Mt Gr.	2,800.75
Bethel-Northview	2,216.99	Houston 1st	4,107.93	Pleasant Ridge-Urb.	1,162.00
Black Oak	2,879.32	Hurryville	4,829.90	Potosi	1,560.92
Blue Springs	1,735.26	Jones Chapel	3,715.78	Republic	1,279.82
Bourbon	585.78	Jones Creek Rd.	417.66	Richwoods	1,644.00
Byrd	402.00	Joplin 1st	8,254.87	Riverview, Ia	4,105.56
Cabool	3,926.28	Kingsway	3,182.04	Rock Chapel	4,413.75
Calvary Chapel	3,872.77	Kirksville	2,031.96	Rolla 1st	887.08
Cape Girardeau	9,148.64	Koshkonong	1,765.00	Royal Oak-Alton	1,374.00
Carthage	2,217.70	Lead Hill	266.00	Salem	420.00
Central-Grandv.	10,830.25	Leadington	5,016.03	Seymour	1,232.50
Chapel of Ozarks	570.14	Lebanon	8,147.63	Smyrna	2,140.00
Clifton S.S.-Thayer	966.56	Liberty	2,247.61	South Freemont	4,180.00
Columbia	775.65	Lone Star	581.68	Springfield 1st	10,510.81
Cope	273.00	Marshfield	3,853.15	St. Francois Assn.	78.00
Copper Mines	3,398.58	Merls Chapel	2,592.14	St. Peters	6,939.92
Crossroads-Rich.	2,250.82	Mill Creek	2,617.21	Stockton	1,786.66
Crossroads-Wentz.	3,183.00	Mine La Motte	552.27	Terrill Road	2,856.80
Cuba	6,199.75	Monett 1st	7,009.37	Thayer	9,645.00
DeSoto 1st	11,385.00	Mtn. Grove 1st	15,819.60	Trinity	12,333.41
Eastern Gate	2,837.41	Mt. Pisgah	2,747.00	Twin Oak	3,647.63
Faith-Oak Grove	1,040.50	Mt. Zion-Gower	720.32	Tyrone	526.35
Faith & Hope-Aur.	965.80	Myrtle	2,921.48	Union-Success	240.00
Faith & Hope-W.S.	949.41	Neosho 1st	1,045.00	Union Grove	2,844.00
Farmington	26,212.70	New Harmony	292.21	Union Light-Marq	1,535.60
Fordland	6,006.47	New Home-Falcon	585.84	United	11,558.46
Fourth	3,005.00	New Hope-Fred.	290.00	Unity	3,112.74
Fredericktown 1st	4,052.00	New Life-Licking	2,744.07	Verdella	4,288.63
Freeman Chapel	3,763.26	New Rock Spr.	1,527.00	Victory-Alton	2,003.02
Friendship	5,087.11	North Five	1,871.07	Victory-K.C.	5,682.41
Grace	13,506.00	Number One	632.86	Victory Hill-Mfld.	687.33
Grant Avenue	11,628.58	Oak Hill-Fred.	1,065.05	Waynesville	3,492.45
Greenfield	806.00	Oak Hill-Union	6,387.59	West Plains 1st	7,136.16
Hannibal	755.00	O'Fallon 1st	8,550.57	Wilderness	2,098.79
Hannon	6,740.24	Olivet	3,000.00	Willow Spr.-Mtn. Gr.	2,543.10
.....		Oskaloosa	813.16	Wolf Creek	3,646.14
				Total	\$447,906.51

Cooperative Disbursements

January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

64.50 %

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions Board	\$82,862.71
17.50%	Executive Office & Gem	78,383.62
3.50%	General Fund	15,676.71
8.50%	Youth Camp Board	38,072.06
2.50%	Youth Ministries Board	11,197.67
2.50%	Christian Education Board	11,197.67
2.50%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	11,197.67
9.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	40,311.60

30.50%

National Ministries, Hillsdale and California Christian College	\$136,611.50
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Foreign Missions Board
 National Home Missions Board
 Same Allocation
 Free Will Baptist Bible College
 Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College
 Executive Department
 Layman's Board
 Radio & TV Commission
 Theological Commission
 Historical Commission
 Board of Retirement & Insurance
 1.00% California Christian College

5.00%	Missouri State Conference Center Fund	\$22,395.30
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Total	\$447,906.51
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PROPOSED COOPERATIVE BUDGET

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$72,150.00
17.50%	Executive Department & Gem	68,250.00
3.50%	General Board	13,650.00
8.50%	Youth Camp	33,150.00
2.50%	Christian Education	9,750.00
2.50%	Senior Adult Ministries	9,750.00
2.50%	Youth Ministries	9,750.00
9.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	35,100.00

30.50%

National Ministries, FWBBC, Hillsdale, CCC \$118,950.00
(FFBBC and Hillsdale receive equal allocation)

45%	Executive Department	\$53,527.48
11.5%	Foreign Missions	13,679.25
11%	FWBBC	13,084.50
11%	Hillsdale	13,084.50
8.5%	Home Missions	10,110.75
4%	Retirement & Insurance	4,758.00
5%	Master's Men	5,947.50
2%	FWB Foundation	2,379.00
.25%	Theological Commission	297.38
.25%	Historical Commission	297.38
.25%	Radio & T.V. Commission	297.38
.25%	Music Commission	297.38
1%	California Christian College	1,189.50

5.00% Conference Center 19,500.00

TOTAL **\$390,000.00**

Lebanon Bible & Bookstore

35.00%	Stewardship Commission	\$6,300.00
19.00%	Missouri State Home Missions	3,420.00
17.50%	Executive Department & Gem	3,150.00
3.00%	General Fund	540.00
8.50%	Youth Camp	1,530.00
2.50%	Christian Education	450.00
2.50%	Senior Adult Ministries	450.00
2.50%	Youth Ministries	450.00
9.50%	Missouri State Retirement	1,710.00

TOTAL **\$18,000.00**

Designated Gifts 1995

Foreign Missions - Rec'd & Disb	\$182,310.50
National Home Missions - Rec'd & Disb	61,613.92
Missouri State Home Missions - Rec'd & Disb	28,323.49
Missouri State Youth Camp - Rec'd & Disb	7,662.87
Free Will Baptist Bible College - Rec'd & Disb	3,535.78
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College - Rec'd & Disb	11,960.96
California Christian College - Rec'd & Disb	2,300.00
Children's Home, Greenville, Tn. - Rec'd & Disb	2,895.82
John McClure - Rec'd & Disb	2,657.95
Missouri Retirement Program - Rec'd & Disb	1,140.00
Board of Retirement & Ins. - Rec'd & Disb	7.00
National Offices - Rec'd & Disb	3,562.00
Christian Education Board - Rec'd & Disb	306.50
Youth Ministries Board - Rec'd & Disb	371.50
Senior Adult Ministries Board - Rec'd & Disb	300.00
World Vision - Rec'd & Disb	60.00
World Relief - Rec'd & Disb	115.00
Feed the Children	75.00
Steve Smith	25.00
Stewardship Commission - Rec'd & Disb	4,200.00
WNAC	1,000.00
Executive Department (see report)	14,576.59
General Fund (see report)	14,002.09
Total	\$343,001.97

Executive Department & Gem

January 1, 1995 December 31, 1995

Balance Forward		\$29,087.49
Receipts:		
Cooperative	\$78,383.62	
Gem Subscriptions	6,920.00	
Designated	2,835.52	
State Home Mission Bd. Contribution to Gem	1,500.00	
Youth Camp Bd. Contribution to Gem	800.00	
Refunds	515.66	
Interest	1,983.47	
Lost Check returned to books	5.00	
Viburnum: Check for Bookstore	16.94	
Total	92,960.21	
Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$122,047.70
Disbursements:		
Salary - Executive Secretary	\$20,331.00	
Retirement (Bd. Ret. & Ins.)	2,400.00	
Salary - Office Secretary	6,809.73	
Housing & Utilities	8,400.00	
Health Insurance	1,515.40	
Gem Printing & Mailing	19,763.84	
Utilities	520.12	
Travel & Promotion	2,571.50	
Telephone & Postage	134.53	
Social Security	3,908.40	
Auto Payments, Insurance, License	5,850.20	
Promotion - Calendars, etc.	210.85	
Office Supplies	443.14	
Expenses - Nat'l Convention, State Assn., & Leadership	1,664.57	
IRS Withholding	3,168.30	
Office Equipment	945.98	
Deposit at Stonecroft for Minister's Retreat	175.00	
Flowers	212.82	
New Check Charge	192.00	
Mail Permit	85.00	
Secretary of State	15.00	
Youth Camp Board	1,500.00	
MO Home Missions Board	1,500.00	
Youth Ministries Board	500.00	
Bible & Book Store (Viburnum)	16.94	
Miscellaneous	109.00	
Total Disbursements	\$82,943.32	
Working Balance		\$39,104.38

**Executive Department & Gem
Proposed Budget**

	January 1, 1997	December 31, 1997	
Ending Balance 1995			\$39,104.38
Proposed income 1996		\$79,825.00	
Proposed expenses 1996		<u>78,949.00</u>	
		+876.00	<u>+876.00</u>
Proposed Balance Forward			\$39,980.38
Receipts:			
Cooperative (17.5% x 390,000)		\$68,250.00	
Gem Subscriptions		7,000.00	
Designated		2,700.00	
State Home Mission Bd. Contribution to Gem		1,800.00	
Youth Camp Bd. Contribution to Gem		700.00	
Interest		1,800.00	
Total		82,250.00	
Receipts + Bal Fwd			\$122,230.38
Disbursements:			
Salary - Executive Secretary		\$19,571.52	
Retirement (Bd. Ret. & Ins.)		2,400.00	
Salary - Office Secretary		8,400.00	
Housing & Utilities		10,800.00	
Health Insurance		2,244.00	
Gem Printing & Mailing		20,000.00	
Utilities		600.00	
Travel & Promotion		3,500.00	
All Boards - Preacher/Layman Retreat		700.00	
Auto Payments, Insurance, License		5,500.00	
Telephone		600.00	
Postage		300.00	
Mail Permit		85.00	
Social Security		4,000.00	
Office & Conference Room Supplies		300.00	
Expenses - Nat'l Convention, State Assn., & Leadership		1,400.00	
Christmas Gifts - Ex. Secy & Office Secy		450.00	
IRS Withholding		800.00	
Life Insurance		597.00	
Miscellaneous		300.00	
Total Disbursements		\$82,547.52	
Working Balance			\$39,682.86

General Fund

January 1, 1995 December 31, 1995

Balance Forward		\$13,001.10
Receipts:		
Cooperative	\$15,676.71	
District Assoc. Rep Contributions	4,934.54	
Designated	1,169.00	
Offerings Rec'd at State Convention	377.59	
Refunds (Bookstore for Bldg. Insur. & 1/2 Fax Mach.)	2,370.96	
Payment on Youth Camp Loan	5,000.00	
2004 National Convention Receipts	150.00	
Total Receipts	29,678.80	
Total Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$42,679.90
Disbursements:		
Travel & Meals (Gen. Bd., Ex. Comm., Planning & Historical Comm.)	3,162.97	
Clerk Salary & Office Expense	550.54	
Nat'l Assoc. Rep Fee	4,425.00	
Delegate & Gen. Bd Gratituty-Nat'l Assoc.	250.00	
State Convention Expense	1,147.00	
State Minutes ('93 & '94)	1,270.40	
Office Supplies, Digest of Reports, Badges, Covers	490.72	
Utilities	820.04	
Postage & Permit Fee	476.76	
Telephone	611.40	
Insurance - State Office & Bookstore	3,326.00	
College Ads	110.00	
Flowers	199.68	
Maintenance	185.15	
Leadership Conference	400.00	
All Boards	875.35	
Historical Commission Cabinet & Photos	602.75	
Copier Service	218.00	
Fax Machine	569.98	
B.J Trophies	42.35	
Office Equipment	263.06	
Song Sheets	359.00	
Gift to Wayne Hale family	500.00	
Youth Camp Loan	10,000.00	
Miscellaneous (film & develop., bathroom supplies, etc)	258.94	
Total Disbursements	\$31,115.09	
Working Balance		\$11,564.81

General Fund
Proposed Budget
January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

Ending balance 1995		\$11,564.81
Proposed income 1996	\$19,435.00	
Proposed expenses 1996	<u>-18,901.00</u>	
	+534.00	<u>+534.00</u>
Balance Forward		\$12,098.81
Receipts:		
Cooperative (3.50% X \$390,000)		\$13,650.00
District Assns Rep Contributions		5,280.00
Offerings Rec'd at State Convention		500.00
Designated		1,000.00
Total Receipts		\$20,430.00
Total Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$32,528.81
Disbursements:		
Travel & Meals (Gen Bd, Ex Comm, Planning Comm, Audit Comm & Historical Comm)		\$4,500.00
State Minutes		1,300.00
Clerk Salary & Office Expense		600.00
Nat'l Assoc. Rep Fee		4,425.00
Guest Speaker St. Convention (Honorarium & Travel)		600.00
State Convention Expense		2,000.00
Office Supplies		500.00
Utilities		900.00
Postage		500.00
Telephone		600.00
Building Insurance		1,500.00
Secretary of State		15.00
Janitorial Supplies		200.00
Historical Committee		250.00
Digest of Reports, Badges, Holders, Ect.		350.00
Delegate & General Bd. Gratuity - Nat'l Assoc.		375.00
Misc.		350.00
Total Disbursements		\$18,965.00
Working Balance		\$13,563.81

Conference Center Fund

January 1, 1995 December 31, 1995

COMMERCE BANK - Lebanon, MO

Balance Forward		\$3,879.66
Receipts:		
Cooperative	\$22,395.30	
Interest	441.51	
Total	22,836.81	
Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$26,716.47
Disbursements:		
Transfer of Funds to FWB Foundation	\$15,000.00	
Total Disbursements	\$15,000.00	
Working Balance		\$11,716.47

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Balance FWD		\$75,343.75
Deposit	\$15,000.00	
Interest	4,813.43	
Total Receipts	\$19,813.43	
Total Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$95,157.18
Working Balance of Both Accounts		\$106,873.65

Recap of All Monies

1995

Executive Dept. & Gem	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Includes Bal Fwd	\$122,047.70	\$82,943.32	\$39,104.38

General Fund			
Includes Bal Fwd	\$42,679.90	\$31,115.09	\$11,564.81

Balance

Cash In All Accounts	\$50,669.19
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Loan to Youth Camp	5,000.00
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Office Equipment	\$60,000.00
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State Office & Bookstore Building	\$250,000.00
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Total Assets	\$365,669.19
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Liabilities	0.00
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Assets Less Liabilities	\$365,669.19
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Balance Forwarded from '94	\$42,088.59
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Total Receipts (Coöperative & Designated)	\$790,908.48
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Total - Bal Fwd + Receipts	\$832,977.07
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Disbursements	\$782,307.88
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Balance	\$50,669.19
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A SUMMARY OF MISSOURI GIVING

Gifts to:

Missouri State Ministries

Executive Office	\$81,219.14
General Fund	16,845.71
State Home Mission	125,180.72
Youth Camp	46,631.60
Youth Ministries	11,567.17
C.E. Board	11,504.17
Senior Adult Ministries	11,497.67
Stewardship Commission	4,200.00
MO Retirement Program	41,451.60

\$350,097.48*

National Ministries

Executive Office	\$63,122.12
Foreign Missions	305,317.93
FWBBC	29,902.24
Home Missions	156,657.49
Retirement & Insurance	5,469.84
Master's Men	10,253.94
Commission for Theological Integrity	341.66
WNAC	13,045.48
FWB Foundation	2,741.10
Historical Commission	341.66
Radio & TV Commission	349.88
Music Commission	341.66

\$586,885.00

Other Ministries:

Hillsdale FWB College	\$35,776.37
California Christian College	2,300.00**
Trula Cronk Home for Children - Tn.	2,895.82**
John McClure	2,657.95**
World Vision	60.00**
World Relief	115.00**
Feed the Children	75.00**
Steve Smith	25.00**

\$44,235.14

Total Giving

\$981,217.62

*Missouri totals only include Co-op and designated gifts. **Totals only include that which was sent through the state office.

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

JUNE, 1996

The Missouri Board of Christian Education met twice since last State Association, at the All Boards Meeting in September, and a partial committee meeting in St. Louis in March. Most of our funds are being allocated for several different projects. First, we are happy to sponsor Keith Kenemer and Evangelical Teachers Association at this year's association. He will be presenting seminars on Tuesday afternoon. Keith is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College, and is a real veteran in Sunday School work. We feel that he will benefit each of those who choose to attend.

Second, we are always seeking to expand and upgrade our Lending Library. We have added six new series to the library this year. These series can be used as a Sunday School elective, Wednesday night program, etc. A complete listing of available series is in this report. We will have many of these items at our CE Booth at the State Association. You may check out the items right at the booth. If you have a suggestion for a possible purchase of a specific series, please give the information to one of our board members.

Third, in lieu of a Family Life Conference, we will be working with the State Executive Department in some joint project regarding next year's Minister's Retreat. The dates will be March 17-19, at Stonecroft Conference Center.

Fourth, we are assisting, through equipment purchase, scholarships, and shared expenses, the External Studies program which meets at Cuba and Victory. We have been providing two minister's scholarships up to \$160.00 each based on need. We are expanding this program into the Mountain Grove area, and adding at least one scholarship. We are also looking to expand it into the St. Louis area. Scholarship recipients will be determined by the faculty. Hopefully, one of the instructors will be giving an oral report to the Association concerning the External Studies program.

Fifth, we continue to be the data gathering agency for Roll Call Sunday. The Roll Call presentation will be made during this segment of the CE Board Report. A full statistical report will be handed out at this time, and will be made available at the registration booth.

Sixth, our first "idea exchange" was mailed in May. This paper contains several items including: a spotlight church, promotional ideas, and Christian education helps. We include a sermon by one of our men with a "how I prepare" segment.

Seventh, we continue to provide a scholarship to deserving college students at Hillsdale College and Free Will Baptist Bible College. These scholarships are determined by the college administration.

Eighth, our Executive Secretary formed a Foreign Missions Task Force to look into the possibility of establishing a Missions program much like the Arkansas program. If such a program was feasible, a recommendation would come to the General Board and the Missouri State Association. Since no funds were available to promote this project, our Christian Education Board assumed the expense of the promotional piece.

Ninth, working with the administration of Hillsdale College, we are seeking to provide credit for those who choose to go on the Holy Land Trip with our state leadership.

Finally, we are here to serve you. If there is something that you feel that we can do to help you in your ministry, please share it with one of our board members.

Below is the current list of the videos available through the Lending Library, which is operated through the Lebanon Bible & Book Store:

Marriage & Family

"After You Say 'I Do'" by Tim & Beverly LaHaye, H. Norman Wright, & Larry Burkett
"Loving, Lasting Relationships" by Gary Smalley & John Trent
"Building Your Mate's Self-Esteem" by Dennis & Barbara Rainey
"Marriage, For Lovers Only" by Priority One
"The Hurried Family"
"Teens in Crises Relations"
"How to Raise the Strong-Willed Child" by James Dobson
"Parenting" by Priority One
"Family Fears" by Jack & Jerry Schreur
"Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World" by Zig Ziglar
"Raising Kids Alone"
"Bringing Up Kids Without Tearing Them Down" by Dr. Kevin Leman

Christian Education

"Towns on Teaching" by Dr. Elmer Towns
"The Seven Laws of the Teacher" by Dr. Howard Hendricks
"Giftrak" by Dr. Larry Gilbert (Recent Audio Addition)
"How to Overcome Sunday School Growth Barriers" by Ken Hemphill (Recent Audio Addition)

Evangelism

"Good News is For Sharing" by Dr. Leighton Ford
"Your Church in a Changing Culture" by George Barna
"Finding Them, Keeping Them" by McIntosh & Martin (Recent Audio Addition)
"Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames" by Reality Ministry (Recent Video Addition)
"The Miracle in Modesto" by Reality Ministry (Recent Video Addition)

General

"Living Your Potential" by Zig Ziglar
"Aids" by Moody Adams
"Free Will Baptist Doctrines" by Dr. Robert Picirilli
"A Counseling Series" by The Minirth/Meier Clinic
"Neuthetic Counseling"
"A Deacon's Ministry That Works" by Dr. Herb Pederson
"Peace in a Troubled World" by Max Lucado
"Clergy Stress" an audio seminar
Three Financial Videos by Larry Burkett
"Leadership" by Dr. John Maxwell (Recent Video Addition)
Creation Science Books

* Most of the video series have from three to five tapes each, with several 30 to 45 minutes sessions. They also have reproducible sheets that you can use for a handout in a class setting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jerry L. Norris, Chairman
Roger Hogan, Treasurer
Melvin Moon, Secretary
Jay Tilson
Dennis Bowman

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1995 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CASH ON HAND- January 1, 1995	\$21,964.82
ACTUAL CASH ON HAND	\$21,964.82

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Program	\$10,595.45
Interest Income-checking	445.36
Tuition Income	<u>2,286.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME FOR 1995	<u>\$13,326.81</u>
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TOTAL CASH FOR 1995	\$35,291.63
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Assets	\$ 1,547.90
Board Expense	933.53
Office Expense	102.97
Bookkeeping Expense	300.00
Roll Call Sunday Expense	276.69
College Tuition Scholarship	900.00
State Meeting Expense	1,618.59
Instructional Institute Expense	<u>5,502.37</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1995	<u>\$11,182.05</u>
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TOTAL CASH ON HAND-December 31,1995	\$24,109.58
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PROPOSED 1997 BUDGET

RECEIPTS:

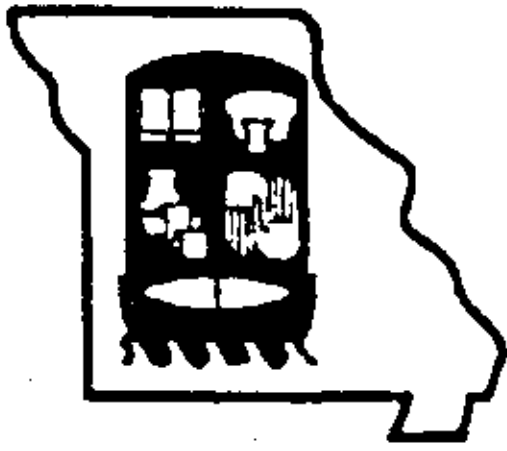
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	\$10,725.00
INTEREST ON CD	250.00
INTEREST INCOME (CKG)	450.00
VIDEO INCOME-LENDING	200.00
TUITION INCOME	<u>3,500.00</u>
(EXTERNAL STUDIES)	

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$15,125.00
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EXPENDITURES:

BOARD EXPENSES	1,500.00
VIDEO PURCHASES	2,000.00
ROLL CALL SUNDAY	300.00
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	1,000.00
INSTRUCTORS HONORARIUMS	6,000.00
BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT	
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,800.00
FWBBC	900.00
HILLSDALE	900.00
MISC. EXPENSE	<u>450.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$15,050.00
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Missouri Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board

4534 McCullough · Springfield, Missouri 65804
Rev. Dale Skiles, Treasurer

Dear Christian Friends:

We, as your Missouri State Home Mission Board, want to thank each District Association, Quarterly Meeting, Church, Woman's Auxiliary, Lebanon Bible & Bookstore, youth group, and every individual who has supported us financially this past year through your cooperative and designated giving. Your giving to State Home Missions is a reflection of your love for our Lord Jesus Christ, for the souls of men, and for the extension of the church and the gospel to the ends of the earth. I'm reminded of the words of the apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus: "Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen" (Ephesians 6:24).

The Missouri State Home Mission Board have the following churches under our supervision: Hannibal, Rev. Dale Cochran, pastor, and his wife Barbara; Moberly, Rev. Lynn Beck, pastor, and his wife Debbie; Sedalia, Rev. Gary Bigelow, pastor, and his wife Shannon; Stockton, Rev. Bill Ragsdale, pastor, and his wife Loretta; Poplar Bluff, Rev. Don Richmann, pastor, and his wife Madonna; Fourth Church, St. Louis, Rev. Clarence Burton, interim pastor, and his wife Vivian; Ozark, Rev. Gary Mitchener, pastor, and his wife Brenda; Republic, Rev. Don Anderson, pastor, and his wife Carol; Branson, Rev. Dale Kester, pastor, and his wife Jeannie; and the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Aurora.

The Columbia Church was disbanded this past year and the property was sold to another fundamental church group. The money from the sale of the property has been placed in the bank in a special "Columbia Account" and will be used in the future to finance another work in Columbia.

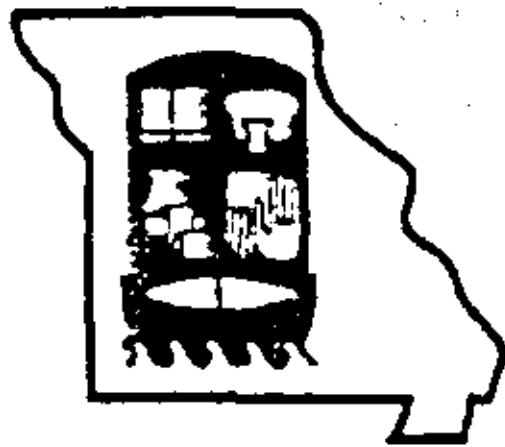
We, as your Missouri State Mission Board, feel that we are worthy of your financial support. We ask you to include us in your church budget, your church and quarterly meeting missions conferences, and with special offerings. We also covet your continued prayers that Missouri missions may continue to grow for the glory of God.

In Christ & For Home Missions,



Rev. Dale Skiles, director

Rev. Cliff Bowman, chairman
Rev. Clarence Burton, member
Rev. Roger Harwell, member
Rev. Cody Freeman, member



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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995 GENERAL FUND - CHECKING ACCOUNT

CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1995		\$ 28,180.00
RECEIPTS		
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS	\$ 82,862.71	
UNDESIGNATED GIVING	21,024.15	
DESIGNATED GIVING	21,293.86	
RETURNED SALARIES	45,776.93	
RETURNED INSURANCE	<u>5,349.44</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 176,307.09	<u>\$ 176,307.09</u>
TOTAL CASH BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS		\$ 204,487.38
DISBURSEMENTS		
SALARIES	\$ 82,800.00	
HOUSING	52,900.00	
INSURANCE	18,257.50	
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS	18,000.00	
MILEAGE	5,034.20	
BOOKKEEPING	3,200.00	
DIRECTOR EXPENSE	2,100.00	
BOARD EXPENSE	1,720.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	600.00	
TELEPHONE	326.56	
OFFICE SUPPLY	234.13	
GEM PRINTING	3,300.00	
COLUMBIA EXPENSE	1,108.38	
SECRETARY OF STATE	45.00	
MISSIONS RETREAT	697.50	
APPRAISALS	825.00	
PRINTING AND ADVERTISING	256.38	
OZARK, DESIGNATED	60.00	
POSTAGE	96.00	
MOVING EXPENSE	241.40	
CHECK PRINTING	51.62	
FLOWERS	40.00	
OAK GROVE, COOP.	759.40	
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>702.75</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 193,355.82	<u>\$ 193,355.82</u>
BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1995		\$ 11,131.56



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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995 LOAN FUND

CASH BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1995 \$ 149,323.81

RECEIPTS

SALE OF COLUMBIA PROPERTY	\$ 24,535.50
OAK GROVE LOAN PAYMENT	15,240.10
MICHAEL DEMING LOAN PAYMENT	9,688.32
BEREAN LOAN PAYMENT	9,341.84
INTEREST EARNED	3,681.27
POPLAR BLUFF LOAN PAYMENT	2,452.42
HANNIBAL LOAN PAYMENT	2,450.72
VIRGINIA OWENS, GIFT	1,000.00
CROSSROADS, PAYMENT ON P.L.	100.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 68,490.17 \$ 68,490.17

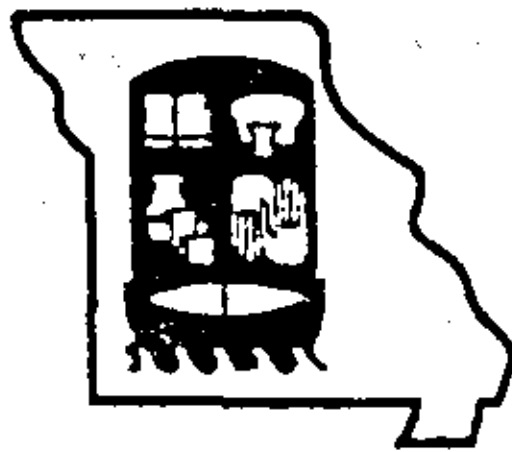
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCE \$ 217,813.98

DISBURSEMENTS

SECURITY BANK, HANNIBAL	\$ 3,789.70
SECURITY BANK, APPRAISAL	1,527.38
LOAN TO HANNIBAL	3,100.00
SECURITY BANK (CD)	50,000.00
MIKE DURR REFRIGERATION	667.69
COLUMBIA, SALE OF PROPERTY	5,000.00
LOAN TO CARTHAGE	3,500.00
ABOVE ALL ROOFING	795.00
GARY JUNG, REPAYMENT	2,126.00
TRANSFERRED TO CHECKING	5,000.00
LOAN TO CROSSROADS	7,500.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 83,005.77 \$ 83,005.77

BALANCE IN LOAN FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1995 \$ 134,808.21



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BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANK (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	\$ 11,131.56
CASH IN BANK (LOAN FUND)	134,808.21
CD SUN SECURITY BANK	<u>102,406.22</u>

TOTAL	\$ 248,345.99	\$ 248,345.99
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OTHER ASSETS

OZARK	\$ 112,000.00
POPLAR BLUFF	12,500.00
OAK GROVE	140,000.00
SUPERVISED PROPERTY	<u>2,246,310.00</u>

TOTAL	\$ 2,510,810.00	\$ 2,510.810.00
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EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 2,760,655.99
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PROPERTIES UNDER BOARD SUPERVISION

BRANSON	VALUED	LIABILITIES	EQUITY
BRANSON	\$ 233,200.00	\$ 12,532.00	\$ 220,668.00
CARTHAGE	132,660.00	52,649.00	80,011.00
MOBERLY	82,250.00	44,624.00	37,626.00
POPLAR BLUFF	125,000.00	47,614.00	77,386.00
HANNIBAL	109,500.00	64,041.00	45,459.00
SEDALIA	190,700.00	112,168.00	78,532.00
WENTZVILLE	300,000.00	148,822.00	151,178.00
OZARK	357,000.00	241,528.00	115,472.00
BLUE SPRING	121,000.00	94,526.00	26,474.00
OAK GROVE	250,000.00	140,000.00	110,000.00
REPUBLIC	160,000.00	0	160,000.00
COLUMBIA	150,000.00	0	150,000.00
COMMUNITY, AURORA	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 2,246,310.00	\$ 958,504.00	\$ 1,287,806.00
BOARD EQUITY		\$ 1,287,806.00	
FUND BALANCE		<u>514,345.99</u>	
TOTAL EQUITY		\$ 1,802,151.99	\$ 1,802,151.99
LIABILITIES (SUPERVISED PROPERTY)			<u>958,504.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			\$ 2,760,655.99



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PROPOSED BUDGET - 1997

CLOSING BALANCE 1995		\$ 11,131.56
PROPOSED INCOME 1996	\$ 205,000.00	
PROPOSED EXPENSES 1996	<u>210,000.00</u>	
	-5,000.00	<u>-5,000.00</u>
PROPOSED CLOSING BALANCE 1996		\$ 6,136.56
PROJECTED BEGINNING BALANCE 1997		\$ 6,131.56
ANTICIPATED INCOME 1997		
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS	\$ 72,150.00	
RETURNED SALARIES	75,000.00	
DESIGNATED GIVING	25,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED GIVING	20,000.00	
RETURNED INSURANCE	<u>10,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$ 202,150.00	<u>\$ 202,150.00</u>
ANTICIPATED INCOME PLUS PROJECTED BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 208,281.56
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES 1997		
SALARY	\$ 80,000.00	
HOUSING	50,000.00	
INSURANCE	25,000.00	
BOARD MILEAGE	3,000.00	
BOOKKEEPING	3,600.00	
BOARD EXPENSE	4,000.00	
GEM PRINTING	1,800.00	
DIRECTOR EXPENSE	2,400.00	
TELEPHONE	600.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	400.00	
MISSIONS RETREAT	1,000.00	
MISSIONARIES MILEAGE	1,000.00	
PRINTING	800.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	800.00	
NEW MISSION WORK	<u>25,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	\$ 199,400.00	<u>\$ 199,400.00</u>
PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE 1997		\$ 8,881.56



BIBLES AND RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Lebanon Bible and Book Store

200 West Commercial

P.O. Box 991

Lebanon, Missouri 65536

(417) 632-9516



GOSPEL TAPES AND CDs

GREETINGS TO MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

WELCOME TO LEBANON AND WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION. WE GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AND COUNT IT A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT TO YOU ONCE AGAIN. IT HARDLY SEEMS POSSIBLE FOR ANOTHER YEAR TO HAVE PASSED SINCE I LAST REPORTED TO YOU.

1995 WAS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR FOR THE BOOKSTORE WITH TOTAL SALES OF \$438,431.05 THIS IS AN INCREASE OF \$5,857.17 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR. ALSO \$12,000.00 WAS GIVEN TO MISSOURI CO-OP. THIS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR STATE WORK. WITH THE 1996 BUDGET THIS AMOUNT WAS INCREASED TO \$18,000.00. AS YOU CAN SEE, WHEN YOU SUPPORT YOUR BOOKSTORE WITH YOUR PURCHASES YOU ARE ALSO SUPPORTING FREE WILL BAPTIST WORK THROUGHOUT OUR STATE. COMPLETE FINANCIAL DETAILS ARE GIVEN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS ARE VITAL IN HELPING US TO SHARE A GOOD REPORT LIKE THIS. THIS MINISTRY DEPENDS ON BOTH. WE THANK ALL OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN MISSOURI FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR STAY HERE IN LEBANON IS A PLEASANT ONE. IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE YOUR VISIT MORE ENJOYABLE PLEASE LET US KNOW. WHILE YOU ARE IN LEBANON PLEASE COME BY THE BOOKSTORE AND GET ACQUAINTED WITH OUR STAFF. GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU LABOR FOR HIM.

IN CHRIST

Warren Livingston
WARREN LIVINGSTON, MGR.

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT 1995

SALES		
Bookstore Sales	250,944.03	
Sunday School Lit Sales	160,673.01	
VBS Literature Sales	17,740.59	
Postage and Handling Charges	<u>9,073.42</u>	
Net Sales		<u>438,431.05</u>
COST OF SALES		
Beginning Inventory	167,115.30	
Purchases	307,287.39	
Total Cost of Merchandise	474,402.69	
Less Ending Inventory	197,104.00	
Net Cost of Sales	297,298.69	
Freight	1,438.30	
Supplies	<u>2,935.86</u>	<u>281,672.85</u>
GROSS PROFIT		<u>156,758.20</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Postage and UPS	6,429.77	
Utilities and Telephone	8,754.57	
Advertising	13,343.10	
Maintenance and Repair	1,709.30	
Wages and Bonus	47,442.31	
Payroll Taxes	14,812.03	
Depreciation	2,434.44	
Insurance	6,160.45	
Miscellaneous	<u>12,558.75</u>	<u>113,644.72</u>
NET PROFIT		43,083.48
LESS MISSOURI CO-OP		<u>12,000.00</u>
NET TOTAL		31,083.48

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS 1995

BEGINNING BALANCE		59,608.53
Receipts	455,046.83	
Redeposit Returned Checks	165.04	
Interest	<u>993.52</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>456,205.39</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		<u>515,813.92</u>

DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	189,066.86	
Sunday School Literature	117,277.10	
Freight	1,274.35	
Postage	2,800.00	
UPS	4,029.77	
Supplies	2,734.34	
Office Supplies	274.26	
Utilities	4,762.69	
Telephone	3,991.88	
Advertising	13,343.10	
Bldg. Maintenance and Repair	1,475.58	
Missouri CC-OP	12,000.00	
Building Insurance	2,088.75	
Equipment	275.00	
Equipment Rental	1,916.41	
Equipment Maintenance	956.25	
Wages	41,489.09	
Bonus	5,953.22	
Payroll Tax	14,812.03	
Employee Insurance	4,072.20	
Mileage	1,075.36	
Convention, Seminar Exp	1,311.00	
Booksellers Assoc. Dues	996.00	
Property Taxes	2,589.92	
Sales Taxes	14,459.76	
Bank Card Charges	793.43	
Returned Checks	247.73	
Refunds	440.00	
Retirement	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,291.18</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>449,796.76</u>
BALANCE ON HAND		66,017.66

CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITOL

	Beginning	Ending	Increase (Decrease)
ASSETS			
Bank Balance	59,608.53	66,017.66	6,409.13
Cash on Hand	200.00	200.00	-0-
Accounts Receivable	8,765.85	7,918.53	(847.32)
Inventory	167,115.30	197,104.00	29,988.70
	<u>235,689.68</u>	<u>271,104.00</u>	<u>35,550.51</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixtures and Equipment	36,438.45	36,713.45	275.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>32,249.12</u>	<u>34,863.56</u>	<u>2,614.44</u>
	<u>239,879.01</u>	<u>273,090.08</u>	<u>33,211.07</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	12,543.82	16,485.05	3,941.23
Payroll Tax	1,384.06	1,555.27	171.21
Sales Tax	2,488.71	2,582.06	93.35
OPERATING FUNDS BALANCE	223,462.42	252,467.70	29,005.28

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1997

INCOME

Bookstore Sales	235,000.00	
Sunday School Literature	170,000.00	
VBS Literature Sales	20,000.00	
Shipping and Handling	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>435,000.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Resale Purchases	173,000.00	
Sunday School Literature	122,000.00	
Freight	1,500.00	
Postage	2,800.00	
UPS	4,200.00	
Supplies	2,800.00	
Utilities	4,800.00	
Telephone	3,800.00	
Advertising	12,000.00	
Building Maintenance and Repair	1,200.00	
Equipment Rental	2,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	900.00	
Wages and Bonus	56,500.00	
Payroll Tax	4,350.00	
Retirement	1,000.00	
Convention, Seminar expense	1,200.00	
Transportation	1,000.00	
Property Tax	2,600.00	
Missouri CO-OP	18,000.00	
Insurance	8,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>426,150.00</u>

NET PROFIT

8,850.00



Senior Adult Ministries Board

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist

P.O. Box 991 Lebanon, MO 65536

GREETINGS FROM THE SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES BOARD

On April 25-27, 1995, the Senior Adult Ministries Board, sponsored the eighth Senior Adult Retreat at Soncroft Conference Center. The retreat really lived up to its' expectation of being great. The Pixley's shined as they always do in singing and preaching. On Wednesday evening we were ministered to in song by the Keith's of Mansfield, Missouri. What joy to see all those whom God has blessed using their talents for His glory.

There were some new faces in the crowd as well as the regulars who have been with us from the very beginning. We were once again sold out of rooms at Stonecroft and had to rely on rooms at a motel. This is a good sign. Some what of a problem but still a good sign. The interest in the retreat still runs very high. This not only speaks high of the quality of the preaching and singing but also of the Spiritual quality of the patrons of the retreat. We look forward to next year. The retreat for 1996 is May 6-8. Plan to attend.

The Senior Adult Board has made arrangements to loan out the video projector to the local churches as well as the boards. The proper procedure to follow is;

- #1 Call to see if the projector is available on the date desired.
- #2 Reserve it for only the dates needed.
- #3 Be sure to pick up and return on dates pre-agreed on.

The projector cannot be commercially shipped.

For more information on the projector call (417) 532-9349.

We as a Board would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you. Also to say thanks to all the Churches who support us by their giving to the COOP plan. YOU make it possible. GOD BLESS.

Rev. Glenn Murray, Chairman

Rev. Gary Sheets, Treasure

Rev. Charlie Miller, Vice Chairman

Rev. R.E. Helsley, Member

Rev. Gene Crewse, Secretary



Senior Adult Ministries Board

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist

P.O. Box 991 Lebanon, MO 65536

FINANCIAL STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995

BALANCE FORWARD		\$20,187.01
RECEIPTS		
COOP	\$11,197.67	
DESIGNATED	300.00	
CHECKING INT.	414.32	
RETREAT	6,388.90	
RETREAT CASH		
REDEPOSIT	400.00	
TOTAL	\$18,700.89	
		TOTAL W/C \$38,887.90

DISBURSEMENTS

MILEAGE	\$ 592.00	
MEALS	155.00	
PHONE	54.13	
POSTAGE	96.00	
PRINTING	35.00	
BOOKKEEPING	135.00	
LIB. INS.	110.00	
SECT. OF STATE	15.00	
TRES. COMP.	220.00	
GRATUITIES	1,675.00	
STONECROFT	12,143.75	
OLD SOUTHERN INN	1,102.73	
RIDGEVIEW MTL.	332.91	
RETREAT CASH	400.00	
ANN. GIFT	100.00	
RETREAT REFUNDS	90.00	
RETREAT DEPOSIT		
FOR "96"	350.00	
ANN. CARD	2.90	
BLANK VIDEOS	10.69	
TOTAL	\$17,620.11	
		TOTAL DISB. \$17,620.11
		BAL. FWD. \$21,267.11



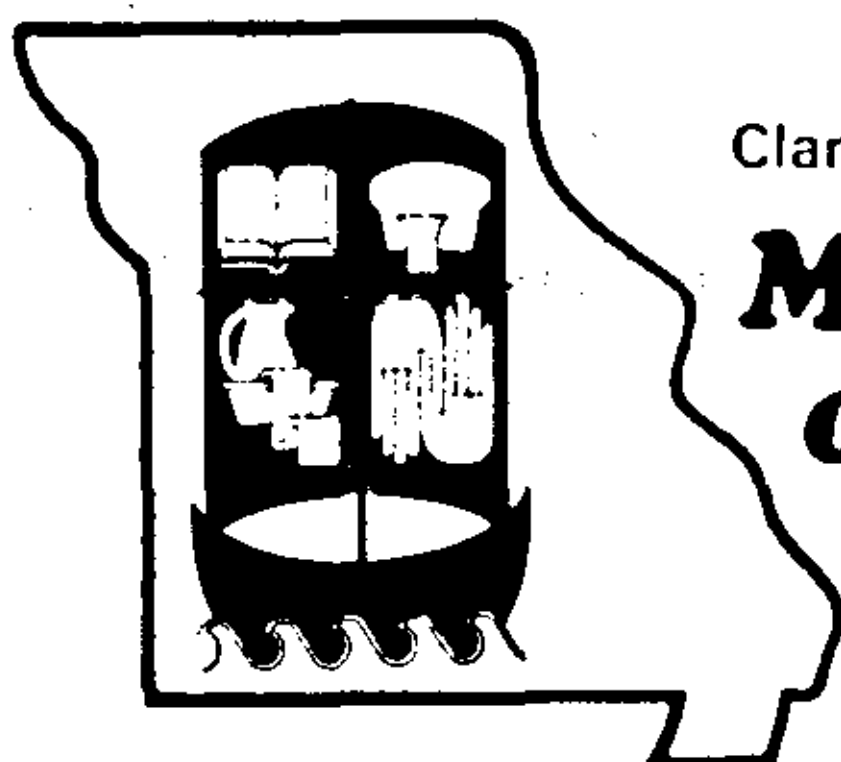
Senior Adult Ministries Board
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1997 PROPOSED BUDGET

1995 CLOSING BALANCE		\$21,267.79
1996 PROPOSED RECEIPTS		<u>15,375.00</u>
		\$36,642.79
1996 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS		<u>20,495.00</u>
1996 PROJECTED CLOSING BALANCE		\$16,147.79
BALANCE FORWARD		\$16,147.79
1997 RECEIPTS		
COOP	\$ 9,700.00	
RETREAT	<u>6,000.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$15,750.00	<u>\$15,750.00</u>
WORKING BALANCE		\$31,897.79

DISBURSEMENTS		
MILEAGE & MEALS	\$ 1,300.00	
RETREAT	17,000.00	
DISTRICT SEMINAR	1,000.00	
C.P.A.	150.00	
LIABILITY INSURANCE	125.00	
PRINTING & POSTAGE	300.00	
PHONE	250.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	350.00	
BOOKKEEPING	220.00	
GIFT TO STEWARDSHIP COM.	1,000.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$21,695.00	\$21,695.00

1997 CLOSING BALANCE \$10,202.79



Clarence Burton, Stewardship Director

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

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June 1996

Report to the Missouri State Association

Stewardship Commission Report

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

As shown in this report, we can begin to see the benefit of this ministry. As this begins to touch the hearts of our people, undoubtedly it will influence the leadership in our churches to encourage God's people, to participate in this.

As the salary reveals I have given less time to working with this ministry, this year (1995). I was working with the Republic Church for part of the year.

Three Revocable Living Trusts have been settled and disbursed. The first RLT that I prepared was settled with the Farmington Church in the amount of \$6,250. Another RLT that was settled was also with the Farmington Church in the amount of \$20,000. The third RLT is in the process of final disbursement.

This will give some indication, as to the benefit, that can and will be received from the ones who have a desire to leave a percentage of their estate to the Lord's work.

Let me emphasize a very important point - the primary purpose of this ministry is to help the local church. For seventeen years, I asked the local churches, to help our State and National Ministries. This ministry is an effort to strengthen the financial condition of the local church. We must remember this - when the Local Church is strong - this translates into the strength of our State and National Ministries.

Thanks, to everyone, who has encouraged, and, helped this ministry. May the Lord bless you for this.

Please continue to remember this ministry in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Clarence Burton
Clarence Burton

Financial Report January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1995

Bal Fwd 1/1/95	\$2,755.59
Receipts:	
Bookstore	\$4,200.00
C.D. (s) Berkeley	4,011.41
Reimburse for RLT	250.00
Interest	141.61
Total	\$8,611.02
Total + Bal Fwd	\$11,366.61

Disbursements:	
Salary	\$3,000.00
Trusts	894.00
Travel	1,315.60
Misc (phone, paper, comp repr ser chg, postage, etc)	293.08
Total	\$5,502.68

Working Balance	\$5,863.93
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Note: The total cost for three RLT (s) were paid by families. Obviously this is not shown in disbursements. This may become a routine way in the future.

Proposed Budget for 1997

Beginning Balance	\$5,863.00
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Proposed Receipts:	
Bookstore	\$6,300.00
Berkeley C.D. (s)	6,000.00
Total	\$12,300.00
Total + Beg Bal	18,163.00

Proposed Disbursements:	
Revocable Living Trusts	\$2,700.00
Salary	5,200.00
Travel	1,800.00
Misc	400.00
Total	10,100.00

Proposed Working Balance	8,063.00
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Missouri Free Will Baptist

Youth Ministries

June 1996

I bring you greetings from the Missouri Youth Ministries Board. The Lord is truly blessing the ministry of the our Board. Thank you for the support you have given to this ministry.

The eighth annual *State Youth Conference* was held November 17-18, 1995 at Windermere Baptist Assembly. Over 325 young people and youth workers attended. The "one-man drama troupe," Curt Cloninger was our featured guest. His powerful monologues and dramatic selections pierced "*Straight To The Heart*" of all attendees. Many young people made decisions for a deeper commitment to Christ. Many Youth Workers were challenged and encouraged to continue reaching teenagers for Christ.

This year's *State Youth Conference* will be November 22-23 at Windermere. Our speaker will be Les Christie, Chairman of the Youth Ministry Department at San Jose Christian College in San Jose, CA. Les has almost 30 years of experience in ministering to teenagers. He is an author and a dynamic speaker. His preaching will challenge our kids to "stand up and be counted" for Christ.

The *1996 Missouri State CTS Competition* was one of the largest ever. We had 167 entries from 17 churches competing at The University of Missouri in Rolla, MO. Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton, MO had the most entries with 38. As usual, Missouri will be well represented at the National Youth Conference in Fort Worth, TX this July. We would like to see many more churches participating in the future.

We are still interested in expanding into other areas of ministry in the future as time and funding allows. We want to be a help and an encouragement to our Churches and their Youth Workers. We presented the idea of "Regional Youth Worker's Workshops" at last year's State Meeting, but had very little response. If this is something that your Youth Workers would be interested in, please let us know!

Please continue to pray for the ministry of this Board. Please support its work by sending your young people and Youth Workers our way. We are here to serve you in the name of Jesus.

Sincerely
Missouri Youth Ministries Board
Curt Gwartney, Chairman
Mark Braisher, Treasurer
David Brawley, Secretary
Howard Anderson
Kevin Scott

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

1995 Financial Report

Balance, December 31, 1994

\$12,826.52

INCOME

Cooperative Receipts	\$10,034.87
Designated/Interest	1,152.36
CTS Fees	1,988.00
Youth Conference Fees	6,860.00

TOTAL INCOME

20,035.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Board Expenses	5,012.21
Mileage	2,968.37
Telephone	157.35
Food/Lodging	1,751.33
Postage	104.60
Supplies	30.56

Competition	4,300.39
Trophies	482.25
Publicity	146.50
Facility Rental	939.20
N.Y.C.	792.00
Supplies	91.58
Judges/Honorariums	1,848.86

Youth Conference	15,362.81
Speaker Expenses	3,264.00
Facility Rental	9,186.00
T-Shirts	1,548.50
Supplies	86.58
Publicity	441.60
Videos/Equipment	836.13

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

24,675.41

Balance, December 31, 1995

\$ 8,186.34

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD

1997 Proposed Budget

Balance, December 31, 1995	\$ 8,186.34
Proposed 1996 Income	22,125.00
Proposed 1996 Disbursements	21,000.00
Projected Closing Balance 1996	9,311.34

INCOME

Cooperative Receipts	\$ 9,750.00
Designated/Interest	450.00
CTS Fees	2,000.00
Youth Conference Fees	9,000.00
T-Shirt Sales	1,000.00

TOTAL INCOME

22,200.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Board Expenses	3,250.00
Mileage	2,300.00
Telephone	300.00
Food/Lodging	400.00
Postage	150.00
Supplies	100.00

Competition	4500.00
Trophies	500.00
Publicity	300.00
Facility Rental	700.00
N.Y.C.	850.00
Supplies	150.00
Judges/Honorariums	2000.00

Youth Conference	14,350.00
Speaker Expenses	3,300.00
Facility Rental	9,000.00
T-Shirts	1,500.00
Supplies	100.00
Publicity	450.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

22,100.00

Balance, December 31, 1997

\$ 9,411.34

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Rev. Ken Goff
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Board Members

Rev. Ronnie Blanks
Rev. Russell McDaris
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Max Courtney
Rev. Bob Thebeau

Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Youth Camp Board.

The Lord was good to Free Will Baptist Youth Camp in 1995. Even though our registration was down somewhat the Spirit of the Lord moved in the lives of those present. We saw 54 young people receive the Lord as their Saviour, 129 re-dedicated their lives to the Lord and 5 people answered special callings from the Lord. Our mission offerings totaled \$1,020.57 for which we give the Master praise.

The 1996 camp session will mark the 50th. anniversary for Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. Although the camp has been in existence longer, it was in 1946 when the camp came under the control of the Missouri State Association. Thank God for men and women who had a burden for young people in our state. In the past 50 years scores of youth have made decisions at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp and are now serving the Lord in many states and even on the foreign field.

The Camp Board would like to express its appreciation to all those men and women who have given of their finance and time each year to make our camp possible. Please continue to pray for and support YOUR Youth Camp.

Camp Session dates for the 1996:

Teen Camp	-	Group II June 9-14
Teen Camp	-	Group I June 16-21
Pre-teen Camp	-	Group I July 28-August 2
Pre-teen Camp	-	Group II August 4-9, 1996

Please note the late dates for Pre-teen Camp. This was necessary because the National Association will be one week later this year.

Camp Board Members
Ron Blanks, chairman
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Financial Summary
 Camp Niangua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
 January 1, 1995 thru December 31, 1995

Balance Brought Forward: (1/1/95)		\$ 13,235.05
Receipts:		
Interest & Ind.	\$ 1,786.96	
Church & Asso.	\$ 9,147.09	
Coop	\$ 37,484.51	
Aux. & Book Store	\$ 1,699.45	
Reimb. & Returns	\$ 603.58	
Registration	\$ 38,616.50	
Snack Center	\$ 8,789.50	
Tapes & Recreation	\$ 608.35	
AmeriVision	\$ 900.93	
Loans & Missions	\$ 11,032.35	
Craft & Laundry	\$ 1,811.50	
Rentals	\$ 12,888.00	
Total Receipts:		\$ 125,368.72
Total Working Balance:		\$ 138,603.77
Disbursements:		
Salary	\$ 14,683.00	
Benefits	\$ 6,685.58	
* Fed/State Taxes	\$ 5,417.10	
Mileage	\$ 0.00	
Telephone	\$ 1,340.45	
Electric	\$ 7,752.28	
Propane	\$ 668.82	
Bld Maint & Sup.	\$ 10,345.47	
Pool Remodelization	\$ 18,563.34	
Mini golf course	\$ 2,803.06	
Reimb & Honor	\$ 9,028.29	
First Aid	\$ 116.42	
Kitchen (Food)	\$ 12,983.57	
Kitchen (Supplies)	\$ 1,445.69	
Snack Center	\$ 5,694.56	
Loan Payment	\$ 10,341.31	
Craft & Laundry	\$ 308.95	
Missions	\$ 1,032.35	
Play Gr & Pool	\$ 1,835.87	
Fuel & Oil	\$ 1,255.78	
Equip Pur & Rep	\$ 3,077.32	
Gen Suppliment	\$ 800.00	
Insurance	\$ 7,273.40	
Extra Help	\$ 1,075.00	
Print/Post & Lit	\$ 1,650.19	
Account & Supplies	\$ 1,812.37	
Board Expense	\$ 1,803.70	
Misc.	\$ 1,418.17	
Total Disbursements:		\$ 131,212.04
Ending Balance:		\$ 7,391.73
* Contains some taxes deducted from salaries.		

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 YOUTH CAMP**

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 Rev. Gary Parker
 Rev. Max Courtney
 Rev. Bob Thebeau

Camp Niangua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
 Proposed Budget for Period,
 January 1, Thru December 31, 1997

Closing Balance 1995	(Actual)	\$ 7,391.73
Receipts for 1996	(Proposed)	\$120,975.00
Disbursements 1996	(Proposed)	\$128,360.00
Ending Balance 1996	(Proposed)	\$ 6.73
Beginning Balance 1997	(Proposed)	\$ 6.73

Receipts:

Interest & Ind.	\$ 1,800.00
Church & Asso.	\$ 9,500.00
Coop	\$ 33,150.00
Aux. & Book Store	\$ 2,000.00
Reimb. & Returns	\$ 600.00
Registration	\$ 39,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 9,000.00
Tapes & Recreation	\$ 600.00
Rentals	\$ 11,000.00
Missions	\$ 1,000.00
Craft & Laundry	\$ 2,000.00
Loans	\$ -0-
AmeriVision (LifeLine)	\$ 2,000.00

Total Receipts: \$ 113,650.00

Total Working Balance: \$ 113,656.73

Disbursements:

* Salaries	\$ 23,113.00
Benefits	\$ 7,000.00
** Fed/State Taxes	\$ 6,000.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00
Telephone	\$ 1,500.00
Electric	\$ 8,000.00
Propane	\$ 500.00
Build. Maint. Sup.	\$ 10,000.00
Reimb.	\$ 500.00
First Aid	\$ 250.00
Kitchen (Food)	\$ 13,500.00
Kitchen (Supplies)	\$ 2,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 6,000.00
Loan Payment	\$ 5,000.00
Craft & Laundry	\$ 1,000.00
Missions	\$ 1,000.00
Play Gr. & Pool	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$ 1,200.00
Equip. Pur. & Rep.	\$ 4,000.00
Cem. Supplement	\$ 800.00
Insurance	\$ 7,500.00
Print/Post/Lit.	\$ 1,000.00
Account & Supplies	\$ 2,000.00
Board Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Summer Help	\$ 3,000.00
Misc.	\$ 2,000.00

Total Disbursement: \$ 112,713.00

Proposed Ending Balance: \$ 943.73

* Contains salaries of Superintendent & camp-time paid staff
 ** Contains some taxes deducted from salaries



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Office of the President

Dear Friends of CCC:

We have concluded the tenth year since Helen and I packed up and left Farmington, Missouri to become President of California Christian College, and Pastor of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church in Fresno, California. We left our many friends and a great church to move to a field of service that was to prove to be a real shock. Hard days were ahead for us in both the college and the church. Thank God He didn't allow us to see these problems but revealed them to us one step at a time.

Well, ten years have passed. We have seen the school grow considerably and Harmony Church has grown greatly (625 on Roll Call Sunday). CCC had 60 enrolled this past semester and we expect more next fall. We are now pre-accredited. We had thirteen preacher boys enrolled this year. (One of them was Darius Wentz from Missouri.)

We are gradually getting the financial condition established in a positive position and our academic credibility is being established all over the state of California.

We certainly do thank God for all the help the great people of Missouri have given to help us in this endeavor. We believe we are about to reach the top of the mountain and will be able to really minister here in the future.

May God bless you in your State Association. We have always loved the good people of Missouri. There truly is no place like home, and we know that very well.

Yours in Christ,


James McAllister

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From: Jim McAllister
Of: California Christian College
To: The Missouri State Association

Greetings:

The tenth year of "the new beginning" has come and gone. It seems like just a short time since Helen and I left Missouri to come to Fresno to re-open California Christian College and to pastor Harmony Church. These have been busy and very trying years. But God has truly blessed.

The college had 66 enrolled this past year, and prospects look great for the coming school year. We are presently in the process of remodeling and enlarging our library, lounge, and several class rooms. Three full time faculty members will join the staff this fall. They are Dr. Ed Hyatt, Dr. Tracie Herd, and David Molter.

Harmony Church has grown from 50 average attendance to 350. 625 attended on Roll Call Sunday.

We appreciate so much the gifts that come regularly through the Missouri State Association, and those who send direct. Darius Wentz of Farmington attended this year and is enrolled for next year.

Brother Jim Williams is giving this report to your body. He and his church are faithful donors to CCC. May God richly bless you all.

In Christ,

Jim McAllister

P.S. Total income for 1995-96 was \$351,667.00
Total expenditures for 1995-96 was \$317,180.00

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MISSOURI STATE WOMEN NATIONALLY ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

Theme: "Running the Race"

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Tuesday Morning, June 4, 1996

The meeting was opened with the congregational song "Standing On the Promises" led by Becky Gwartney. The theme song, "Dare to Run", was then sung by Becky. The welcome was given by Judy Ruble and the response by Reva Baker. Special music was given by the "Gospel Echoes".

The President, Shirley Jackson, introduced Judy Lytle, missionary to Panama, who gave the morning devotion. Judy used the theme "Running the Race" and told of the similarities and differences in an Olympic race and the race of the faithful.

MSC to seat the delegates. Standing delegates are: all Local Presidents, all District Officers and all State officers. There will be a maximum of three (3) elected delegates from each Local and five (5) from each District.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Finance, Registration, Credentials, and Appreciation.

Greetings were given by the following missionaries: Curt and Mary Holand (Brazil), Ruth McDonald (Japan), Paula McCluer (Mexico), Steve and Judy Lytle (Panama), and Debbie Beck (Moberly, MO). The session was dismissed.

Morning Worship Service

The worship service was begun by the congregation singing the theme song. Lynn Davenport led in prayer. The offering was taken with the State Officers as ushers. The President, Shirley Jackson, introduced the speaker, Steve Lytle, missionary to Panama. He brought out the fact that we, as Christians, are in the race so we should commit ourselves to the spirit of the race and get excited about it. He left us with the question, "How well are we running the race that God has set before us?"

Announcements were give by President, Shirley Jackson. The meeting was dismissed for the lunch hour.

Afternoon Business Session

The meeting was opened with the theme song led by Becky Gwartney. President, Shirley Jackson introduced those wishing to bring greetings from State or National groups. Bro. Cody Freeman, from the Missouri State General Board, gave a report on the "Missouri Foreign Missions Plan". Bro. Fred Warner brought greeting from the National Foreign Missions Department. Bro. Mike Garner gave a report on what has been happening with the accreditation at Hillsdale.

A Skit was given by Maureen Hocker and Dianne Naumann, followed by congregational singing.

The business session was called to order by President, Shirley Jackson. The Missouri WNAC College Scholarship was presented by Becky Gwartney. \$500 was given to Jennifer Blanks and \$250 to Heather Hall.

The financial report was given by Treasurer, Reva Baker. MSC to receive this report.

The executive committee recommendations were given by Secretary, Kay Reiter. MSC to vote on these item by item and all passed.

#1. We recommend that the 1996-1997 State Mission projects be as follows:

- a. Judy and Steve Lytle - Panama - \$3000
- b. Bible Institute in Old Mexico - \$3000
- c. Wentzville Mission Church - \$2000
- d. National WNAC - \$1000

#2. The morning offering and a \$200 honorarium be given to Judy and Steve Lytle.

#3. February be designated as Missouri State Mission's Month.

#4. The bylaws: Section 3, Article 1, "Duties of Officers" be changed to read: Missouri WNAC calendar year to begin January 1 and end December 31. All reports and dues must be sent to the state secretary and the state treasurer by Jan. 31.

Credentials Committee Report

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the secretary's reports and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Kay Reiter, Chairman
Margaret Gill
Betty Reeves

MSC to receive the report.

Finance Committee Report

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the treasurer's books and find them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,
Reva Baker, Chairman
Betty Crutcher
Phyllis Maple

MSC to receive the report.

Registration Committee Report

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

- 41 standing delegates
- 34 elected delegates
- 59 visitors (including 8 foreign missionaries)

For a total of 134 registered.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Gwartney, Chairman
Betty Robison
Delores Bennett

MSC to receive the report.

Appreciation Committee Report

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to submit the following report: We want to thank our musicians, Jean Bowman and Linda Day, our song leader, Becky Gwartney, and our special music, Gospel Echoes. Our appreciation and love to Steve and Judy Lytle. We were blessed by the messages they shared with us. Thanks to all our missionaries who gave greeting from their fields of service. Special thanks, with much appreciation to all the Ladies who had a part in preparing for this year's WNAC Missouri State Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Hocker, Chairman
Ann Phillips
Waynelle Scott

MSC to receive the report.

The following ladies were selected as delegates to represent Missouri at the National Convention of Women Nationally Active for Christ:

Diana Anderson
Elaine Skiles
Louise McCully
Jo Ann Epperson
Phyllis Maple
Margaret Gill
Clarissa Moon
Paula Dodson
Becky Gwartney
Reva Baker
Cynthia Fry
Linda Hall
Lola Burney
Debbie Beck
Maureen Hocker

The following ladies were appointed as a Nominating Committee to meet at the State Retreat at Stonecroft for the purpose of nominating State Officers for the 98/99 year.

Elaine Skiles, Chairman

LeAnn Willfong

Debbie Beck

Peggy Ryder

Barbara Harwell

Betty Crutcher

Debbie Webster

Phyllis Virtue

Barbara Cochren

Announcements were given by President, Shirley Jackson.

#1. The Woman's Retreat will be August 16-17, 1996, at Stonecroft Conference Center near Branson, Missouri. Our special guest speaker will be Lillian Carson from St. Peters, Missouri. The Woman's Retreat Project is to bring money or pledge for the missionary provision closet.

#2. The National Retreat will be September 19-21, 1996, in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. The theme is "Brighten Your Corner".

The convention was dismissed in prayer.

HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE ACCREDITED TO THE NEXT CENTURY!

NEWS RELEASE:

The regulatory power which the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has held over Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College since 1970 is ended. The amendment to House Bill No. 2466 made national or regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education equivalent with State accreditation. This makes the law in Oklahoma similar to that regulating higher education in every state, except New York. The effect is that as of May 31, 1996 Hillsdale is free to pursue institutional advancement without interference from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

Hillsdale just finished one of the most effective years in the history of the College. The largest freshman class in twenty years started classes last fall and the applications for next fall were the highest of any May on record (another miracle in light of the circumstances over the last two months). Parents and students should not forget each student who is recruited to attend Hillsdale by another student will qualify the recruiter for a tuition waiver of up to \$400.

Many people have stood with the College during the difficult times of the last few years. The prayer and financial support have sustained Hillsdale to this point and made way for God to act on behalf of the College. It is a true saying, "We have come too far to turn back now!"

What is next at Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College? We are free to focus our energies on the real business of a Christian college, educating men and women to serve Christ. The College's initial accreditation status is secure through the year 2000. The College plans to achieve full accreditation with the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools prior to 2000 which could extend our status as much as seven more years.

What can you do for Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College?

1. *Pray* that God will continue to show himself strong for Hillsdale and Free Will Baptist.
2. *Send students* who want to attend a Christian college the government could not close!
3. *Financial support* from churches and individuals to replace those who ceased during these critical days.
4. *Share the good news* of what God has done on behalf of Hillsdale in freeing the College from government regulation.

Thank you to all the friends of Hillsdale everywhere. We are looking forward to a great Fall in 1996. Classes began August 26th. "Praise ye the Lord," Psalm 111.

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Dear Friends and Supporters of FWBBC:

For 54 years FWBBC has been a servant to our Free Will Baptist denomination. God has blessed us with the privilege of training outstanding Christian leaders who serve Him in this country and around the world. They are men and women who have a love for Christ, His Church and a world that is spiritually lost. These people will be the leaders who will take us well into the 21st Century.

It is with sincere gratitude that we say "Thank you!" for your faithful support and encouragement. You have proven your love for the college in so many ways.

The college is still moving forward in the accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The "Claim the Land" campaign has been an overwhelming success, with all 123 acres sold.

The Christian Service Department has enjoyed another year of success with more than 170 salvation decisions and 270 rededications. Through our preaching trips, our student preachers are receiving first-hand experience as they visit with our pastors and preach in pulpits across the denomination.

One of the greatest assets the denomination and the college have is our consecrated and well-equipped faculty and staff. These men and women have given themselves to the purpose of preparing students to know God, His Word and His will. I am so grateful for their dedicated service.

As always, many major decisions are before us. Pray that our God will lead us down a clear path.

In Christ,

Tom Malone
President
Free Will Baptist Bible College

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THE MISSION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE IS TO EQUIP MEN AND WOMEN,
THROUGH BIBLE-BASED EDUCATION, TO SERVE CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH.



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Greetings from the Executive Office:

The 1996 Denominational Digest gives a snapshot of the services provided by agencies of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. Please take time to peruse these pages which were especially prepared for you.

Capital Stewardship/Victory Campaign contributions through December 31, 1995, totaled \$271,233.82. Gifts for this campaign will be credited through December 1997. This allows additional time for district/state associations to reach their campaign goals, while coinciding with the final payment from the sale of the Murfreesboro Road property.

Contributions to national ministries in 1995 totaled \$8,777,067.71. Together Way Plan contributions totaled \$2,491,009.85, the highest in history. Of this amount \$362,694.52 was *Cooperative* and \$2,128,315.33 was *Designated*. Per capita giving was \$41.07; our goal was \$43.80. Together Way Plan notebooks can be ordered, at no cost, from the Executive Office. We encourage each church and association to adopt the Together Way Plan, the denominational plan for financial support.

Together Way Plan contributions designated for the Executive Office ministry in 1995 totaled \$117,223.58, while cooperative gifts totaled \$217,616.55. Total Together Way Plan contributions (cooperative and designated) for the Executive Office ministry were \$334,840.13.

The Rest of the Family Offering in September totaled \$5,931.36. After expenses, the balance was disbursed to participating national agencies. September 29, 1996, has been designated as the Rest of the Family Sunday. We encourage you to give generously in this offering.

Contact provides current information regarding denominational life. Subscriptions are \$12 per year. Life-time subscriptions cost \$500. Life-time subscribers totaled eight in 1995. We encourage each church to purchase a life-time subscription. This means the church would always have current information regarding the Free Will Baptist family. Each life-time subscriber, whether church or individual, receives a leather-bound copy of *The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book: Rejoice* (1988). Only a limited number are available, so subscribe today. Specify round or shaped note edition.

The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book: Rejoice may be ordered from Randall House Publications. It is available in shaped or round note editions and three colors. *The Rejoice Hymnal for the Church at Worship* is also available in both shaped and round note editions in two colors. It is distributed by Tempo Music Publications, Inc., 3773 West 95th Street, Leawood, Kansas 66206.

The International Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Churches, Inc. was officially organized October 16-21, 1995, in Brazil. Plans call for this Fellowship to meet every three years. The Executive Committee of the Fellowship consists of John Poole, president (Brazil); Ramon Sanchez, vice president (Cuba) and Melvin Worthington, secretary/treasurer (USA). The next meeting is scheduled for October 12-16, 1998, at a site to be selected by the Fellowship Executive Committee.

The 1996 Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference will meet December 2-3, 1996, at the Regal Maxwell House Hotel. We encourage each state leader to attend.

Reporting Forms 501, 502, 503 and 504 are designed to report statistical data. Using these forms enables us to compile an accurate statistical table. Recording and reporting statistical data remains a denominational problem. In order to provide accurate historical data, it is necessary to record and report complete, correct and consistent data.

Rejoicing and Resting in Our Redeemer, Your Servant,

Melvin Worthington, Th.D., CMP
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Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord:

1995 was an exciting year for the Board of Retirement. We experienced our best earnings rate in the 26.5 year history of our plan. Fifty-three new participants were enrolled. Assets under management grew over 2 million dollars. Two states adopted the plan as their state sponsored plan. It has been a wonderful year.

But, there are still hundreds of our pastors who are underpaid and have no church sponsored retirement provisions. Changes were made in the last two years to encourage broader participation and more settlement options.

It is now possible to enter the plan for as little as \$10 monthly. Ten dollars a month will not provide adequate retirement but it is a start. Every church should at least enroll her pastor in this entry level program. Write or call our office for an enrollment packet and information.

New settlement options include:

- * Joint life annuity with either a 10 or 15 year guarantee of payments
- * Set monthly amount to exhaustion
- * Set number of monthly payments
- * A special "housing provision" option

This is your plan--it is controlled by and for Free Will Baptists. It is growing and invites you to join us in helping achieve your retirement needs.

Sincerely,

William W. Evans
Director

WWE/dh



Greetings:

On behalf of the missionaries, our board and the home office staff, we express our gratitude for the prayer and financial support of Free Will Baptists across the country. Lives have been touched and changed through those whom you have sent to the regions beyond.

Your missionaries continue to minister in Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, France, India, Japan, Panama, Spain, and Uruguay. In addition, we maintain a strong bond with our Cuban Free Will Baptists. Although our primary focus is church planting, our mission includes training national workers, providing medical service (in Côte d'Ivoire), community development (in India), and caring for street children (in Brazil).

In recent years Free Will Baptist young people have been teaching English to university students in China. God willing, we will be sending our first witness to Mongolia this year.

In 1995 we witnessed the opening of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (the former Soviet Union) as a mission field for Free Will Baptists. We have provided some training materials, a copy machine, audio-visual materials and assistance on construction of seminary buildings. We are sponsoring a church-planting project in Noyabrisk, a city which has never had a Protestant church.

This year we have sent Professor Leroy Forlines and his wife, Fay, to teach Arminian doctrine in seminaries and Bible institutes. We also are sponsoring a pastors' conference for 100 Russian preachers and are sending 14 people to engage in house-to-house visitation and witnessing to help start a new church in Kopeysk.

We will be assisting our Arminian Russian brethren to reach the nine million people who live in the eastern Ural region. We currently are sponsoring a church planter in Ekaterinburg, which has a population of 1.8 million and only five Protestant churches.

We thank you and praise the Lord for an income of \$4,362,686 during 1995. We appreciate every gift and personal sacrifice represented in this amount. Although we did not meet our budget we were able to keep our expenses within our income.

Please pray and give that we may be able to meet our 1996 budget of \$5,229,982 (including VISION funds). Through your partnership we hope to reach some of the two billion in our world who have not heard the message of Christ.

Remember, April is Foreign Missions month. As a part of the **TOGETHER WAY PLAN**, we challenge every member of every church to give generously to the **LAURA BELLE BARNARD WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING** the last Sunday of April.

Our foreign missions home team as well as our missionaries are anxious to help every church respond to the Great Commission. We will be happy to provide materials and speakers to assist you in your program of missionary education. Simply give us a call.

Your Brother in Christ,

R. Eugene Waddell
General Director

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Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

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A Report On 1995

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department. The year 1995 was a year of transition for Home Missions. After 25 years of faithful service with the Home Missions Department, Brother Roy Thomas retired as general director, and he and Pat moved to Colorado.

The associate director, Trymon Messer, became the general director. Rev. David Crowe came on staff as the director of missionary assistance. His primary duties will be to work with and assist the missionaries.

Two new Army chaplains were approved, *David Spears* and *Doyle Coffman*, making a total of eight Free Will Baptist chaplains serving in the armed services. We give God the praise that we have a ministry to our military men and women through our chaplaincy program.

New Home Missionaries: *Ken Bozeman*-Madison, MS, *Dennis Haygood*-Huntsville, AL, *Bob Trimble*-Battle Creek, MI, *Jose Rodriguez*-Miami, FL, *Charley Carmack*-Lewisburg, TN, *David Carlson*-Paducah, KY, *Roger Raper*-Ft. Collins, CO, *Jeff Crabtree*-Frederickton, New Brunswick, Canada, *Bill Phillips*-Salt Lake City, UT. We praise the Lord for the willingness of His servants to go out to win the lost and plant Free Will Baptist churches.

Missionaries who began services in 1995: *Larry Collins*-Omaha, NE, *Jim Fairchild*-Waldorf, MD, *Tommy Jones*-Pittsburgh, PA, *Pete Maynard*, Washington Court House, OH, *Norman Richards*-New Orleans, LA, *Jose Rodriguez*-Miami, FL, *Jeff Sloan*-Ft. Wayne, IN, *Jerry Rayburn*-Sierra Vista, AZ, *Len Blanchard*-Carlsbad, NM. We give God the glory!

The decision was made to relocate the **Mexican Bible Institute** to the city of Reynosa, which is located near the border at McAllen, Texas. This will make it more accessible for all our people. Bud and Ruth Bivens will be joining the staff to teach in the institute. Home Missions would like for the institute to become a training center to train some of our students in the cross culture setting to reach some of the 25 million (plus) Spanish people in America.

Hurricanes whipped through our nation and in the areas of our mission works in Puerto Rico and St. Croix, Virgin Islands causing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage-with St. Croix sustaining the largest amount. Through it all the Lord protected His people, and thankfully, with the insurance companies responding in a positive way, the repair work is underway. **The Lord is our Protector.**

The **Church Extension Loan Fund** grew to more than nine million dollars during 1995. Loans totaling \$985,492.96 were made to help our churches. On Roll Call Sunday, March 26, 1995, the reported attendance in our churches totaled 213,656 with 552 salvation decisions being made.

The total income for the Home Missions Department for 1995 was \$2,812,173.95. Thank you so much for your prayers and gifts to Home Missions. I ask for your continued prayers and financial support as we labor for the Lord. We want to see a

"Revival of Appreciation.....For The Savior, The Shepherd, The Sheep."

In His service,

Trymon Messer
General Director



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Dear Free Will Baptists:

In 1995 the Foundation provided support in the amount of \$104,070.64 to several of our ministries through Endowments or Revocable Trusts:

Foreign Missions - \$22,987.87	Regional Ministries - \$1,528.08
FWBBC (general fund & scholarships) - \$8,457.58	State, District & Local - \$42,801.83
Home Missions - \$6,208.62	Contact - \$149.50
Master's Men - \$8,733.45	Together Way Plan - \$3,068.50
Women Nationally Active for Christ - \$645.46	Foundation - \$452.25
Board of Retirement - \$8,497.55	

Payments of \$72,407.42 were made to individuals who have arranged future gifts for ministries but need income during their life.

Rev. Frank Giunta came on staff as a field representative January 1, 1996. He is available to assist any individual or group with information about various gift giving opportunities and options in light of legal and tax considerations. If you would like to schedule a seminar or other services with Rev. Giunta please contact him directly at 573-335-6240 or our office at 615-731-6812.

The Foundation may be able to help:

--your local church to manage reserve funds; to invest her designated gifts for long range projects such as a building program, mission trip, state or national meeting.

--individuals to arrange lifetime income and after death gifts for the Lord's work; convert low income assets into higher income; avoid capital gains taxes; avoid or diminish estate taxes; reduce present taxes by providing charitable tax deductions.

Our goal is to help Free Will Baptists accomplish God's will through gifts, grants and revocable agreements. Managing the temporal assets of this life for ministry unto the Lord.

Sincerely,

William W. Evans
Director

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Dear Fellow Believers:

When I became the General Director of the Free Will Baptist Sunday School and Church Training Department in January 1994, I outlined a vision that included the following: streamlining the organization; stabilizing our financial picture; updating our material; strengthening the biblical content of everything we publish; moving into the 21st century with technology, resources, methods, processes; selling a vision for the future; and helping Free Will Baptists to move toward revival.

I shared some of my convictions and desires. Namely, that I am convinced that Christian education and Sunday school are a vital part of evangelism and that the process of teaching and training new converts is necessary for their growth and the continuing education of all our people. Secondly, I wanted to offer innovative ideas to make us as good as the competition. This was not only to be in content, which presents our biblical teaching and champions our doctrine, but in graphics and teaching methods. Thirdly, I am interested in helping our churches in teacher training workshops in the local church or broader gatherings. Lastly, I want to call our people to revival. This will only come after prayer and forgiveness.

I am happy to report that many of these dreams are becoming realities and that we are progressing in these and other areas. While we haven't reached the summit of the mountain, we are on the slope and climbing.

Our challenge for the future is to establish an ongoing pattern of efficient, effective operations while growing and improving our materials, services, and ministries.

After some difficult times, it has been rewarding to celebrate progress and commit ourselves to continued efforts of service and ministry. I do not ever want to lose sight of the fact that the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department is an incredible instrument God can use to help our churches and support ministries. We have the greatest opportunity ever to take the gospel to the ends of the earth. We must pass on to those who come behind us the tradition of reaching, teaching, discipling, ministering, and service. I do not want to leave a legacy of failed opportunities.

We are making every effort to make our Sunday school curriculum life-related, innovative, fresh, but always Bible-based. We are designing our material to emphasize holy living, making full opportunity to create life-change and enhance spiritual living. Every new quarter you should see changes in our methodology and updates of style, while remaining true to the Word of God. This is our pledge: *To make Christ known while we equip others to become servant leaders and teachers.*

It is my hope that our churches will use our material, enabling us to develop a better curriculum that champions the doctrines we believe. We cannot grow or create new material without your help. Likewise we want to hear from our users and churches advising us of our mistakes and to correct in the future editions.

Your Brother and Friend,

Alton E. Loveless, General Director

Report to the Missouri State Association

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. 90 Stanley Lane Greeneville, TN 37743 (423) 639-9449



In 1939, when "Free Will Baptist Home for Children" was founded, no one imagined it would grow into what it is today. Functioning specifically as an orphanage when it first opened, it now gives abused and neglected children hope in Christ and helps them become productive members of society. ("Free Will Baptist Home for Children" is now known as "Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc.") Ministering to the individual needs of children and families, FWBFM has four separate divisions that each have a unique outreach.

***Trula Cronk Home for Children** - In September 1994, Mrs. Trula (Gunter) Cronk honored us by allowing us to name our 6 long-term, residential homes after her. Mrs. Cronk was the first child placed at the home in 1939. She and her husband, Rev. Dan Cronk, served as FWB missionaries in India for over 20 years. Mrs. Cronk's attitude and accomplishments, in spite of her circumstances, make her an excellent role model for our children.

We strive to create a family-type atmosphere in each of these 6 houses. We have no dormitories or cafeterias, but each individual house functions as much like a "normal" home as possible. Each family has a household budget, shares meals together, attends a local FWB church, and participates in school activities, etc.

***The Stanley Foster Care Program** - In July 1995, we received our Foster Care License. We are thrilled that this new avenue of ministry was opened to us. Since its conception, the Stanley Foster Care Program has cared for 10 children in Christian homes *off campus*. We hope to show those placed in our care the true meaning of "family" by placing them with dedicated, trained foster care parents willing to demonstrate God's love to these children in their own homes.

***The P.A.T.H. Shelter** - The function of our P.A.T.H. (Protecting Adolescents and Teaching Hope) Shelter is to provide temporary, emergency placements for children coming out of crisis situations. Serving as the only emergency shelter of this kind in Greene County, TN, the P.A.T.H. Shelter is open 24-hours a day, 7 days a week with a license to care for twelve children each day.

Because of the tremendous need for emergency shelters, we unfortunately have to turn away sometimes as many as 15 children in a single day. In 1995 alone, 624 children were denied because we were full. We praise God, though, that we were able to serve 127 different children last year through the P.A.T.H. Shelter.

***The OAKS Family Conference Center and Camp** - One of the goals for THE OAKS is to minister to the families of the kids placed at Trula Cronk Home for Children, the Stanley Foster Care Program, and the P.A.T.H. Shelter. The goals also include counseling families to help prevent their breakdown and providing a place for retreat for individuals, families, and churches. As in the past, The OAKS will continue to offer a camping program that will evangelize and edify our youth.

In October 1995, we added 7 RV hookups that are available for anyone at a minimal cost. Having finished the winterizing of our dining hall to make it available for year-round use, we are in the process of doing the same for all of the cabins. We are excited about the possibilities of this ministry which will reach both youth and adults for Christ.

We have literature and videos (free of charge) that can further explain each of these four divisions and how they focus on their role in this child-care ministry. You may request this information by calling or writing to our office. (423) 639-9449. FWBFM, 90 Stanley Lane, Greeneville, TN 37743.

VISION & MISSION STATEMENTS

The *vision* of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. is to be nationally recognized as a model of excellence in family and child care. The *mission* of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. is to meet the individual needs of children and families by seeking to unify and preserve the family in order to share Christ and instill Christian values.

OUR ACCOUNTABILITY

Located in the mountains of East Tennessee, FWBFM has been serving children since 1939. Approaching 57 years in the ministry, FWBFM is a non-profit organization owned and governed by the *Tennessee State Association of Free Will Baptist*, who elect 14 of our board members. One board member is appointed by the *Virginia State Association*.

Each year the financial records of FWBFM are completely audited by the independent public accounting firm of Adams & Plucker. The results of this audit are submitted to the Tennessee State Association and the Board of Directors of FWBFM.

PERSONNEL NEEDS

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. is now accepting applications for the following *full-time* positions:

Houseparents We need married Christian couples who are willing to sacrifice self, time and talents in a family-type atmosphere to care for children who have been abused, neglected, and/or abandoned. Benefits include a competitive salary, housing, and paid utilities. Group health, life and disability insurance are fully paid for the employee. A retirement plan is also offered after one year.

Certified School Teacher We need a Christian teacher for our P.A.T.H. Shelter School, which operates year-round. Salary is compatible with the public school system. Certification in Special Education is a requirement.

Both of these positions call for people who are looking for a career in ministering to children. If you are interested, please contact Phyllis Gregory at (423) 639-9449.

NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE

"Home News" is a monthly publication of Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc. Containing updates on the ministry, plus prayer requests, stories about our children, and much more, this newsletter is available at no cost to anyone who requests it. We would like as many people as possible on our mailing list, so that you can stay informed on our growth, our projects, and our needs.

If you would like to receive our monthly newsletter, please send your full name and address to:

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc.

90 Stanley Lane

Greeneville, TN 37743

To be good stewards of God's resources, we would like to eliminate any duplicates that we may be sending to someone. If you are receiving more than one newsletter, *please let us know* so that we can make the correction as soon as possible. In this way, we will be good managers of the finances God has given us.

THANK YOU, MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION!!

In the last twelve months, Missouri churches and individuals have contributed *over \$13,200* to FWBFM. We are so grateful for your generous and faithful support of this work of God. Because of you, we are able to touch the hearts of hundreds of abused and neglected children every year. We praise God that over 67 children were saved in 1995. We realize that it is because of our friends that we have the privilege to share the gospel to all these children. Thank you for your compassion and your willingness to be involved in this child-care ministry. *You are much appreciated!*

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GREETINGS FROM THE WNAC OFFICE STAFF

WNAC'S theme for 1996 is "Hold the Light High." We are emphasizing personal witnessing in our programs, magazine articles and in the workshops and seminars.

Our 1995 reports show 7,423 dues paying members in the national organization. At the convention 21 states, 3 districts and 3 local groups reported. Reports also showed 11 Actionette groups with 93 members in 7 states.

In 1995 WNAC published the *Yearbook* for 1996 and the new *Manual* mandated by the Convention.

The first retreat at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in October 1995 was successful, and a second one is planned for 1997.

In 1995 the WNAC office sent materials to 40 new or reorganizing women's groups. We received 11 requests for Actionette materials.

Volunteers have shared the workload with the WNAC staff this year. We especially appreciate their help and their willingness to serve. Yvonne Wolfenbarger, Martha Harris, Suzanne Franks and I give thanks to Free Will Baptist women for their prayer and financial support. We are also thankful to pastors and others who encourage and support Free Will Baptist women.

Laborers together with God. We are all working together to carry out the commission our Lord left for us. Let us continue to pray and work together for His glory.

In Christ,

Mary R. Wischart

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Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"For we are laborers together with God" 1 Corinthians 3:9.

Missouri Board of Christian Education 1996 Roll Call Sunday Report

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists:

We want to thank the 175 churches and their pastors, superintendents, clerks and secretaries who reported a 1996 Roll Call Sunday attendance of 13,119. This represented a slight 3% increase over the 1995 Roll Call figures.

The churches were divided into categories based on their 1995 Roll Call Sunday Attendance. We are honoring the churches with the largest growth in their Roll Call Sunday attendance from 1995 to 1996 in each category:

1996 Missouri Roll Call Sunday Churches					
Category	Roll Call Church	Pastor	1995	1996	Growth
1 - 49	Lead Hill Church	John Williams	29	105	262%
50 - 74	Fourth Church, St. Louis	Bill Adkisson	62	136	119%
75 - 99	Hurville Church,	Ronnie Graham	89	151	70%
100 - 149	Springfield First, Springfield	Gene Howell	148	197	33%
150 - 199	Hartville Church, Hartville	Melvin Moon	161	231	43%
200 & Up	Fellowship Church, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	205	290	41%

Missouri churches reported a total of 39 souls saved on Roll Call Sunday. This is a marked increase from the 11 who were saved on last year's special day. Our churches also reported a total of 814 saved in 1995. We are confident that more were saved but not reported. Many churches do not keep accurate records of the number saved.

We saw a slight decrease in our average Sunday School attendance. Our Missouri Sunday Schools averaged 8,860. this represented an average attendance of 50.6 per church.

By the way, we lost to Kentucky.

The Missouri Minute Men did a fine job of collecting the statistics for this report. We want to thank the following men for making this report possible:

1996 Roll Call Sunday Missouri Minute Men

Bootheel

Rev. Don Richmann

Cave Springs

Rev. Ronnie Blanks

Rev. Cody Freeman

Rev. Darrell Strain

Central Western

Rev. George Nauman

Greater Kansas City

Dr. Mark Brashier

Greater Springfield

Rev. Gene Howell

Indian Creek

Rev. Jim Williams

Liberty

Rev. Jack Day

Mid Rivers

Rev. Rick Dement

Mission

Rev. Russell McDaris

Rev. Melvin Moon

Northeast

Rev. Lynn Beck

South Central

Rev. Jay Tilson

Southeast

Rev. Bob Warner

St. Francois

Rev. Curt Gwartney

St. Louis

Rev. Jim Bolden

May the Lord bless each of you. If your Missouri Board of Christian Education can be of any service feel free to ask. We are elected to serve our Missouri churches.

Encouraging Church Growth,

Rev. Jerry L. Norris, Chairman

Rev. Roger Hogan, Treasurer

Rev. Melvin Moon, Secretary

Rev. Jay Tilson

Rev. Dennis Bowman

	Sunday School Att.			Roll Call Sunday			+/--% Growth	Saved	Num.
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995	1996		3/31 1996	Saved 1995
BOOTHEEL									
Cape Girardeau First	97	97	97	253	182	69	-163%	0	0
East Prairie	35	23	23	32	37	38	3%	0	0
Heritage	35	35	35	40	40	49	23%	0	0
Liberty	18	11	11	18	11	23	109%	0	0
Scott City First	40	40	40	35	35	38	9%	0	0
TOTALS	225	206	206	378	305	217	29%	0	0
CAVE SPRINGS									
Alton	55	50	50	58	43	43	0%	0	0
Bailey Chapel	35	40	32	42	36	27	-25%	0	5
Byrd	30	30	35	38	37	41	11%	0	7
Clifton	40	40	35	59	41	38	-7%	0	7
Cotton Creek	30	29	31	35	30	46	53%	0	6
Faith Chapel	32	32	32	31	39	39	0%	0	0
Garfield	24	24	17	19	19	20	5%	0	0
Koshkonong	25	30	25	27	22	36	64%	0	1
Liberty	12	15	15	9	17	17	0%	0	0
Lingo	15	12	15	9	15	15	0%	0	1
Mt. Zion	29	35	25	33	31	33	6%	0	1
Myrtle	25	33	38	30	41	35	-15%	0	5
Norman	25	27	27	32	25	25	0%	0	0
Piney	19	17	17	14	11	11	0%	0	0
Pleasant Hill	27	32	35	26	39	46	18%	0	4
Pleasant Ridge	12	15	15	10	12	12	0%	0	0
Royal Oak	22	14	14	22	21	17	-19%	0	0
Shiloh	17	19	19	20	24	24	0%	0	0
Smyrna	26	30	29	41	42	50	19%	0	16
Thayer	124	130	142	196	212	259	22%	2	4
United	202	218	250	345	416	310	-25%	2	38
Victory	45	40	40	44	57	57	0%	0	0
Walnut Grove	21	18	20	24	23	25	9%	0	1
West Plains	120	123	121	192	153	172	12%	2	4
Wilderness	45	43	43	49	46	46	0%	0	0
TOTALS	1,057	1,097	1,122	1,362	1,452	1,444	-1%	6	100
CENTRAL WESTERN									
Bethel	55	59	60	66	80	79	-1%	0	10
Greenfield First	18	18	15	20	21	20	-5%	0	0
Hannon	80	80	100	113	102	124	22%	0	7
Hickory Grove	8	8	8	8	6	8	33%	0	0

	Sunday School Att.			Roll Call Sunday				Saved	Num.
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995	1996	/-% Growth	3/31 1996	Saved 1995
Oskaloosa	10	12	18	14	22	20	-9%	0	2
Stockton	13	15	13	20	18	24	33%	0	2
Verdella	67	72	70	60	80	85	6%	0	6
TOTALS	251	264	284	307	329	360	9%	0	27
GREATER KANSAS CITY									
Beacon	90	97	105	178	163	128	-21%	1	12
Belton	57	57	41	86	86	72	-16%	0	0
Berean	6	6	6	11	11	11	0%	0	0
Blue Springs	49	49	38	72	72	28	-61%	0	0
Central	93	93	72	108	108	95	-12%	0	4
Faith	69	69	27	40	40	83	107%	1	8
Harmony	72	72	46	139	72	81	13%	0	1
Heartland			56			97	0%	0	6
Olivet	119	101	116	150	131	137	5%	2	23
Parkway		47	57		58	123	112%	0	17
Victory	72	71	66	123	114	90	-21%	0	5
TOTALS	627	660	630	772	909	945	4%	4	76
GREATER SPRINGFIELD									
Calvary Chapel	74	74	91	114	114	138	21%	0	20
Eastern Gate	50	40	37	103	60	37	-38%	0	0
Fordland	50	51	54	84	89	95	7%	0	7
Friendship	40	55	65	75	182	148	-19%	4	12
Grant Avenue	129	129	120	154	154	171	11%	0	0
Lebanon First	88	111	111	128	137	53	-61%	0	3
Marshfield	39	40	40	52	64	60	-6%	0	10
North Five		25	35		51	36	-29%	0	4
Ozark First	39	58	80	63	112	107	-4%	0	
Republic	35	35	32	45	45	73	62%	0	9
South Fremont	79	71	72	98	103	95	-8%	0	9
Springfield	25	21	13	38	41	29	-29%	0	0
TOTALS	648	710	749	954	1,152	1,042	-10%	4	74

	Sunday School Att.			Roll Call Sunday			+/-%	Saved	Num.
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995	1996		3/31	Saved
							Growth	1996	1995
INDIAN CREEK									
Carthage	69	69	67	102	98	80	-18%	0	25
Chapel of the Ozarks	32	24	16	48	28	22	-21%	0	7
Faith & Hope	18	20	15	16	25	19	-24%	0	0
Jones Chapel	55	57	56	62	67	57	-15%	0	2
Joplin First	67	65	73	89	106	115	8%	0	4
Macedonia	95	97	98	145	120	119	-1%	0	3
Merl's Chapel	30	26	26	69	46	20	-56%	0	0
Monett First	120	105	95	209	196	189	-4%	0	6
Neosho First	68	70	71	126	85	125	47%	3	5
New Life	12	12	23	18	19	22	16%	0	9
New Testament	35	28	28	38	22	22	0%	0	0
Pleasant Grove	18	19	19	22	20	21	5%	0	0
Purdy First	44	60	60	69	69	104	51%	0	0
TOTALS	663	652	647	1,013	901	915	2%	3	61
LACLEDE									
Cross Roads	58	58	55	93	93	92	-1%	0	7
Happy Hill	56	56	56	54	54	54	0%	0	0
Mission	30	30	30	38	38	38	0%	0	0
New Home	7	7	7	7	7	7	0%	0	0
Sunnyview	28	26	29	42	32	23	-28%	0	1
TOTALS	179	177	177	234	224	214	-4%	0	8
LIBERTY									
Black Oak	45	50	45	80	66	76	15%	0	5
Calvary	35	55	40	70	68	71	4%	0	0
Faith	12	14	14	24	14	14	0%	0	0
Gardner	15	23	23	28	28	28	0%	0	0
Liberty	45	47	44	64	83	65	-22%	0	0
Macedonia	12	18	10	28	16	10	-38%	0	0
Mt. Zion Cuba	83	70	50	115	71	71	0%	0	3
New Bethel	15	20	16	35	66	37	-44%	0	0
Niangua	41	32	32	61	50	50	0%	0	5
Old Liberty	14	17	15	14	11	13	18%	0	0
Springfield First	124	107	107	208	148	197	33%	2	8
Unity	45	42	42	70	43	70	63%	0	6
TOTALS	486	495	438	797	664	702	6%	2	27

	Sunday School Att.			Roll Call Sunday			+/-%	Saved	Num.
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995	1996		3/31	Saved
MID-RIVERS							Growth	1996	1995
Hannibal	26	32	33	68	70	91	30%	0	36
Crossroads	50	55	67	140	125	67	-46%	2	1
O'Fallon First	46	55	53	87	109	120	10%	0	5
St. Peters	68	58	52	75	101	97	-4%	0	3
TOTALS	190	200	205	370	405	375	-7%	2	45
MISSION									
Big Creek	30	27	28	36	40	30	-25%	0	3
Cabool	41	41	50	88	88	92	5%	0	7
Faith & Hope	18	18	12	10	10	15	50%	0	0
Happy Home	28	28	28	31	31	31	0%	0	0
Harmony	30	36	33	36	40	18	-55%	0	0
Hartville	105	115	115	138	161	231	43%	0	13
Houston First	55	51	51	79	77	79	3%	0	3
Kingsway	76	76	76	68	47	45	-4%	0	0
Lead Hill	19	19	19	21	29	105	262%	0	0
Lone Star	12	12	12	21	40	40	0%	0	0
Mountain Grove 1st	168	160	165	289	248	268	8%	0	14
Mountain Valley	34	43	43	37	40	40	0%	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	65	65	76	74	74	87	18%	2	9
New Home	28	32	29	35	32	70	119%	1	0
New Life	50	50	36	114	114	94	-18%	2	3
New Rock Springs	36	36	50	38	38	76	100%	0	4
Oak Grove (Texas)	20	20	8	18	18	13	-28%	0	0
Oak Grove (Wright)	58	38	38	58	90	90	0%	0	0
Number One	32	32	32	34	34	27	21%	0	0
Pleasant Grove	16	16	16	28	26	26	0%	0	0
Pleasant Hill	21	20	20	20	24	25	4%	0	0
Pleasant Home	50	50	50	53	53	68	28%	1	20
Rock Chapel	63	70	56	93	72	52	-28%	0	5
Salem	18	18	18	93	72	35	-51%	0	0
Seymour	23	23	18	24	28	73	160%	0	2
Springfield	25	21	21	38	42	42	0%	0	0
Trinity	12	12	28	50	50	44	-12%	0	0
Tyrone	12	12	15	9	15	8	-47%	0	0
Union	30	25	25	26	23	23	0%	0	0
Union Chapel	20	20	20	13	13	13	0%	0	0
Union Grove	65	54	64	75	59	79	34%	0	7
Victory Hill	31	19	19	46	28	28	0%	0	0
Willow Springs	66	67	64	63	73	96	32%	0	3
Willow Springs 1st	30	42	38	33	52	45	-13%	0	2
Wolf Creek	57	56	54	57	60	55	-8%	0	1
TOTALS	1,444	1,424	1,427	1,946	1,941	2,163	11%	8	99

	Sunday School Att.			Roll Call Sunday				Saved	Num.
	1993	1994	1995	1994	1995	1996	+/-% Growth	3/31 1996	Saved 1995
NIANGUA									
Buffalo	54	43	40	85	63	60	-5%	0	0
Cedar Ridge	56	56	56	75	82	82	0%	0	0
Hopewell	34	31	34	42	54	75	39%	0	8
New Prospect	7	7	7	8	8	8	0%	0	0
Pleasant Ridge	36	36	36	49	49	49	0%	0	0
TOTALS	187	173	173	259	256	274	7%	0	8
NORTHEAST									
Connelsville	19	26	18	13	22	13	-41%	0	3
Hazel Creek	67	67	69	103	91	84	-8%	0	0
Kirksville First	31	32	37	34	46	35	-24%	0	1
New Harmony	24	24	24	26	25	25	0%	0	0
Terrell Road	46	53	34	111	70	85	21%	0	11
TOTALS	187	202	182	287	254	242	-5%	0	15
NORTHWEST									
Freeman Chapel	32	32	35	50	70	75	7%	0	3
Mt. Zion	14	12	12	22	16	16	0%	0	0
TOTALS	46	44	47	72	86	91	6%	0	3
SOUTH CENTRAL									
Bourbon	24	28	52	40	37	89	141%	0	3
Cuba	109	112	109	155	204	228	12%	2	12
DeSoto First	185	181	176	239	242	240	-1%	0	26
Oak Hill	67	65	65	74	120	103	-14%	0	3
Polosi First	41	49	44	55	44	117	166%	2	10
Rolla First	28	28	27	29	45	60	33%	0	5
Waynesville First	48	50	45	54	66	73	11%	0	10
TOTALS	502	513	518	646	758	910	20%	4	69

TOP TEN CHURCHES IN 1996 ROLL CALL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE			
Place	Church	Pastor	Att.
1	First Church, Farmington	Roger Hogan	577
2	Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton	Jerry Norris	363
3	United Church, West Plains	Glenn Murray	310
4	Fellowship, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	290
5	First Church, Mountain Grove	Gary Fry	268
6	Thayer Church, Thayer	Cody Freeman	259
7	First Church, Park Hills	Sterl Paramore	242
8	First Church, DeSoto	Bob Thebeau	240
9	Hartville Church, Hartville	Melvin Moon	231
10	Cuba Church, Cuba	Rick Dablemont	228
TOP TEN CHURCHES IN 1995 SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE			
1	First Church, Farmington	Roger Hogan	313
2	United Church, West Plains	Glenn Murray	250
3	Calvary Fellowship Church, Fenton	Jerry Norris	221
4	First Church, DeSoto	Bob Thebeau	179
5	Fellowship, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	169
6	First Church, Mountain Grove	Gary Fry	165
7	Thayer Church, Thayer	Cody Freeman	142
8	Grace Church, Arnold	Glenn Rehkop	130
9	First Church, Park Hills	Sterl Paramore	124
10	First Church, West Plains	Ronnie Blanks	121
TOP TEN CHURCHES IN NUMBER SAVED IN 1995			
1	First Church, Farmington	Roger Hogan	70
2	United Church, West Plains	Glenn Murray	38
3	Hannibal Church, Hannibal	Dale Cochran	36
4	First Church, DeSoto	Bob Thebeau	26
5	Carthage Church, Carthage	Jim Williams	25
6	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	Jerry Norris	24
7	Olivet Church, Marshall	Cliff Bowman	23
8	Fellowship Church, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	20
	Pleasant Home, Macomb	Danny Douglas	20
	Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	Doug Earls	20
9	Parkway Church, Sedalia	Gary Bigelow	17
10	Smyrna Church, Alton	Wayne Adrian	16

Missouri State Association

of

Free Will Baptists

By-Laws

BY-LAWS

NAME

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

PURPOSE

2. The object of this Association shall be the bringing together of the Free Will Baptists of the State of Missouri in one annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another, the upholding of the Free Will Baptists Churches of Missouri, and a worldwide 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 Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board, and the 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 other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
- 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 Senior Adult Ministries Board, the Youth Ministries Board, the Youth Camp 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.
 - (4) 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 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, 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 names 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 through 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 boards 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 Book Store Manager. The Book Store manager shall employ and supervise the other employees. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Budget Committee.
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 a 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 or 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 therefore.

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 the third a term of three years; thereafter, each shall be appointed for a term of three years. Members of standing boards, with the exception of the General Board, are not eligible to serve on the Auditing Committee. Their duties are to audit all state books.
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 in this State Association.
34. The number of elected delegates to the State Association shall be seven delegated from each affiliated local association or yearly meeting, one delegate from each church, plus one delegate for fifty members or larger fraction thereof. Each church which represents must be a member of a local association or a 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 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 Monday evening at 7:30, following the first Sunday, in June beginning 1987.
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 stature, as the place for 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 principle 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 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 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 item 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 each year.
50. All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money notes other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents or the Association and in such manners 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, 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 discussion 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.

AMENDMENTS

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