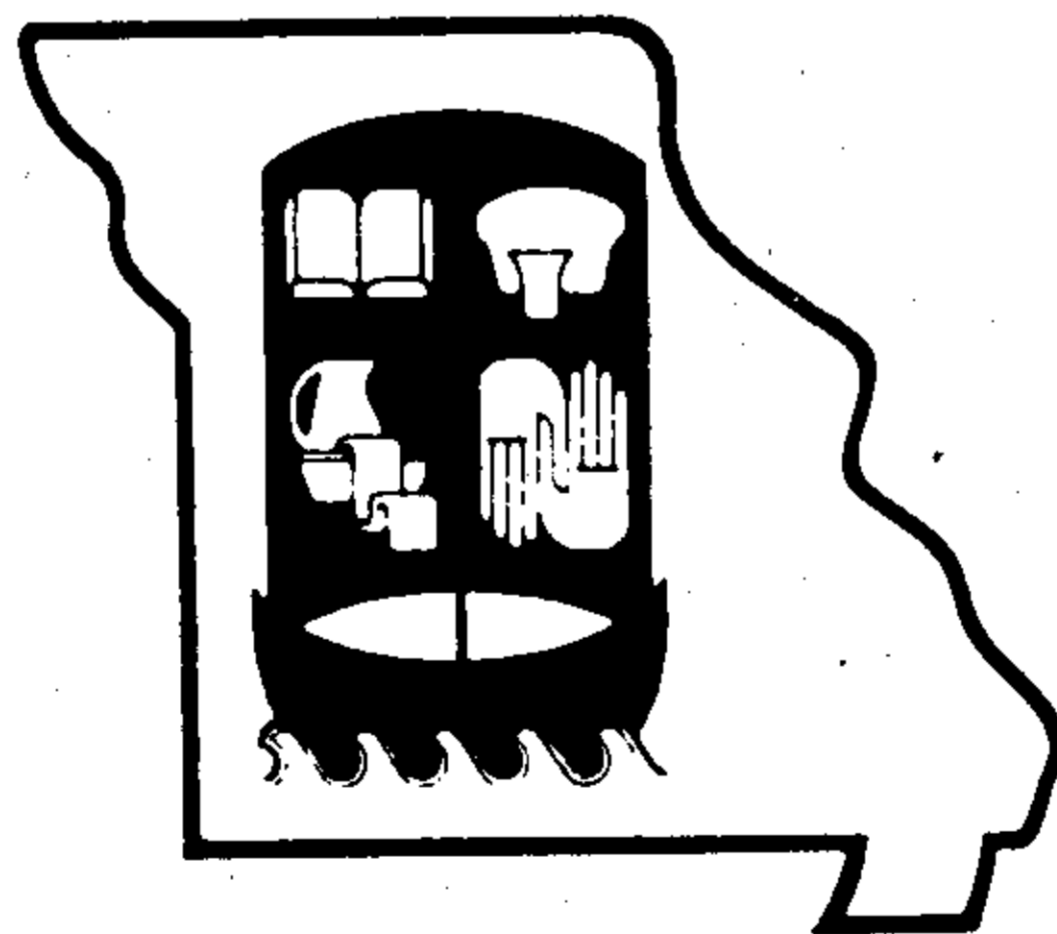


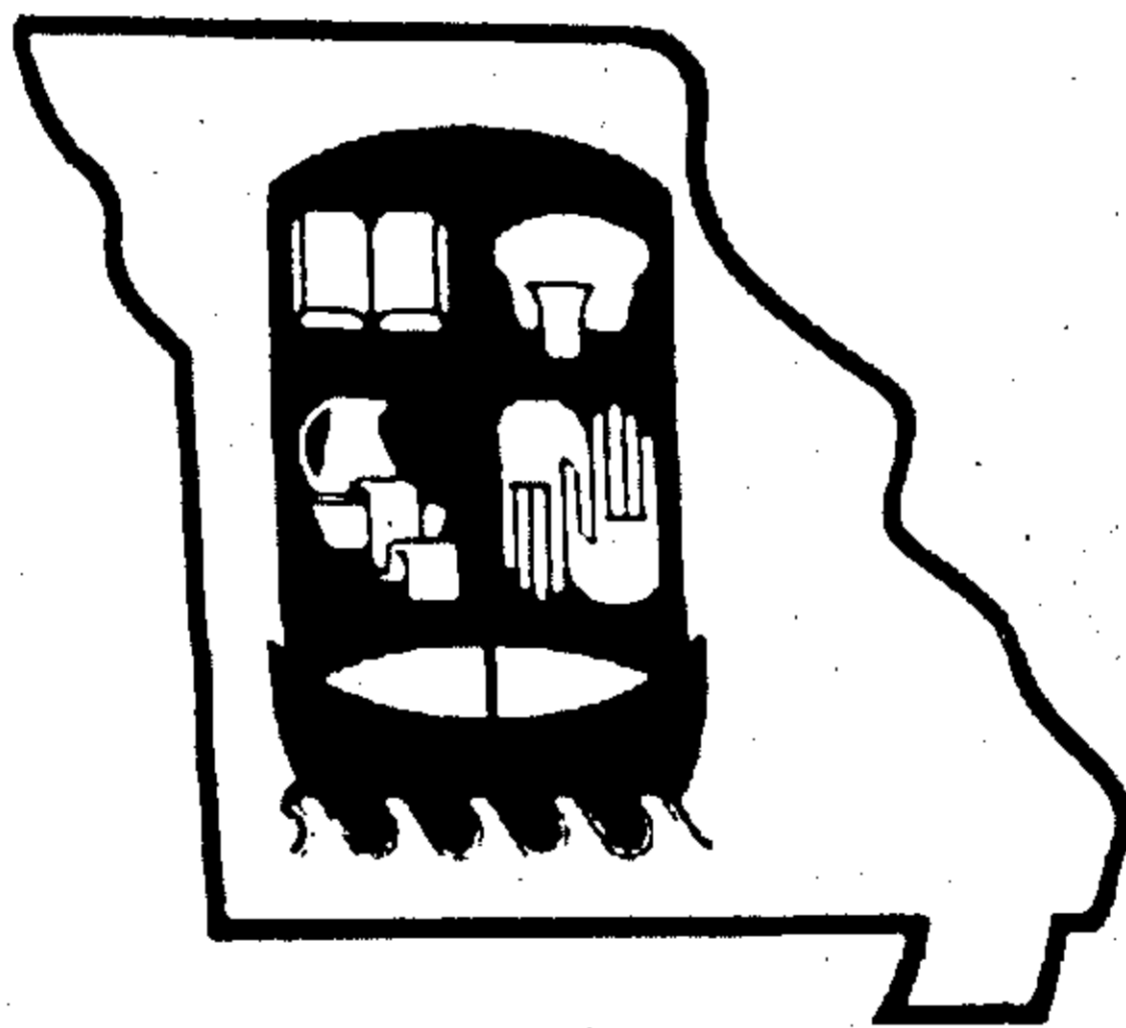
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Rev. Clarence Burton	1998
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Rev. Cody Freeman	2002

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Rev. Glenn Murray, Chairman	1999
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Rev. R. E. Helsley	2001
Rev. Gene Crewse	2002

Youth Camp Board

Rev. Ken Reiter	1998
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Rev. Gene Howell	1998
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Rev. Joe Stone

Rev. Faron Thebeau

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Rev. Mark Turrell

Rev. Don Walker

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Rev. Frank Webster

Rev. Jim Williams

Rev. Kevin Williford

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Rev. Carl Cheshier
Rev. Timothy Eaton

Rev. William Evans
Rev. Paul Gentuso
Rev. Alton Loveless
Rev. Vergel Maness

Rev. Jerry Pinkerton
Rev. Jim Shepherd
Rev. Fred Warner
Rev. Melvin Worthington

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Martha Barker
Rich Barker
Geneva Barker
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Jeannie Bowman
Katie Bozeman
Stephanie Brawley
Amanda Bryant
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Jack Burns
Vivian Burton
Clint Curr
Luke Carter
Tim Carter
Sarah Case
Joan Chapman
Marvin Chapman
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Bobbi Christopher
Barbara Cochran
Dottie Crewse
Velna Crouthers
Marguerite Darnell
Mackenzie Davenport
Paula Dodson
Janice Durbin
Rachel Durbin
Jo Ann Epperson
Mrs. Robby Fortner
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Jerry Gann
Wanda Goetz
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Hilda Nichols
Sara Nowland
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William Pattengill
June Paul
Eulah Payne
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Fred Pinkston
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Leah Postlewaite
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Clarence Sohn
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Joe Stone
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 Harold Bailey
 Kenneth Bailey
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 Tressa Crites
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 Vera Currington
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 Bill Gonz
 Doug Graham
 Yvonne Graham
 Jerry Green
 Wanda Gregory
 Don Grrishakie
 Mary Grrishakie
 Ray Grindstaff
 Grace Haire
 Jonathan Hall
 Sara Hall
 Andy Hamblin
 Felicia Hamblin
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 Larry Harding
 Joan Harker
 Leathea Harris
 Ginger Harrison
 Dwight Headrick
 Kristy Heberlie
 Rachel Heflin
 Rusty Hobaugh
 Jim Hodge
 Mickie Hodge
 Jessie Hogan
 Judy Hoggard
 Josh Harrison
 Mary Horlax
 Flora Horton
 Milburn Horton
 Cynthia House
 Jonathan Howell
 Joshua Howell
 Amylee Huffman
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 Billy Hughes
 Matthew Hughes
 Ernetta Huskers
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 Elizabeth Jackson
 Shirley Jackson

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Norma Kaufman
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Tehra Kelly
Jennafer Knopf
Elizabeth Knopf
Stacey Knopf
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John LaChance
Nick Leonard
Lola Leftridge
John Lenz
Rosella Lenz
Donna Lewis
Jamie Lewis
Anna Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
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Maxine Long
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Delois Loveless
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Clarice Rehkop
Dixie Rehkop

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Randall Rhodes
Byron Richardson
Carol Richardson
Helen Richardson
Kelly Richardson
Olin Richardson
Mike Richardson
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Doris Rogers
Phyllis Rogers
Anita Ruble
Paul Ruble
Christine Sebastian
Christeen Schutte
Lola Scott
Ron Scott
Roy Scott
Dorothy Sellers
Earl Sellers
Jeana Shelton
Finis Simpson
Mrs. Finis Simpson
Jo Skaggs
Loma Skaggs
Garry Sloan
Vivian Sloan
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Kathy Smart
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John P. Smith
Mildred Stacy
Jamie Stahlman
Michelle Stahlman
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Mikayla Stevens
Stephanie Stevens
Sterlin Stevens
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Glenda Strange
Mary Strange
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Gale Stone

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Shelby Sundhausen
Tanner Sundhausen
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Sandy Surex
Lynne Taylor
Sheldon Taylor
Cheryl Teasley
James Teasley
Tim Teasley
Amy Thebeau
Brett Thebeau
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Earnest Thomas
Laverne Thorsrud
Robert Thorsrud
Oscar Treaster
Delsie Troutman
Ralph Troutman
Elva Turnbough
Aaron Vandivort
Deloris Vandivort
Cheryl Vernon
Rocky Vernon
Shirley Vernon
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Joann Wakefield
Kelly Wakefield
Evelyn Ware

Robert Ware
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Lisa Webster
Tara Webster
Fay West
Roxie White
Dale Wilfong
LeeAnn Wilfong
Megan Wilfong
Tracy Wilfong
Vernon Wilfong
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Richard Williford
Marian Wilson
Lucille Wilt
Bob Wortham
Brandon Yocom

Proceedings of the Missouri State Association
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Theme: *"When They Had Prayed"*

Scripture: Acts 4:31

When convened at the North County High School
Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church
Park Hills, Missouri

Monday Evening, June 2, 1997

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

The evening service began with the Prelude given by a Trumpet Trio (Chad Pipkin, Greg Pipkin, and David Bates). Rev. Ken Dodson led in prayer. The Welcome was given by Rev. Roger Hogan and Rev. Roger Harwell followed with the response.

Rev. Richard Robinson, Assistant Clerk, convened the Association reading Psalm 100, followed by congregational singing led by Bro. Doyle Fulbright. An offering was received while the Trumpet Trio played, followed by special music featuring the Sadler Family.

Rev. Dodson introduced Rev. Ronald Graham who delivered the introductory message entitled "Praying with Confidence" using 1 John 5: 11-15 as his text. An invitation was given.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees. Rev. Bill Evans presented an informational report from the National Association Board of Retirement. The evening service was dismissed in prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 3, 1997

Fellowship Church

A Tax Workshop presented by B. J. Worth and
sponsored by the Christian Education Board.

Tuesday Evening, June 3, 1997

Rev. Lynn Davenport, Presiding

The evening service began with Bro. Doyle Fulbright leading the congregation in singing "Heaven Came Down" and "I am Happy in the Lord". The choir from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Farmington sang "Come Holy Spirit". Rev. Ronald Graham's Blue Grass Band provided special entertainment.

An offering was received while the Trumpet Trio played, followed by Rev. Curt Gwartney rendering the special music "He Is". Rev. Lynn Davenport introduced Rev. Glenn Rehkop who delivered the evening message, entitled "Praying with Consistency" using Matthew 7: 7-11 as his text. An invitation was given.

Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1997

Fellowship Church

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

A Welcome and Prayer was given to the State Association by Rev. Wayne Phillips, Pastor of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. The services were then opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Curt Gwartney.

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

Rev. Ken Dodson presented the Moderator's message, entitled "Paul Prayed" using Ephesians 1: 15-19 as his text, closing in prayer.

The Moderator called for the report of the General Board. The Assistant Clerk read the report. MSC to receive the report and vote on 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.)

Rev. Nathan Ruble, our Executive Secretary, presented the report of the Executive Office. MSC to receive the report and adopt the 1998 Proposed Cooperative Budget of \$400,000.00.

Dr. Melvin Worthington extended greetings from the National Executive Office and gave a brief report. Rev. Frank Guinta gave an informational report on the Free Will Baptist Foundation. Pres. Carl Cheshier presented an informational report and extended greetings from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma.

Rev. Nathan Ruble presented the report of the Lebanon Bible and Bookstore. MSC to receive and adopt the report. Rev. Jerry Norris presented the report of the Christian Education Board and presented the 1997 Roll Call Sunday churches of the year awards. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Rev. Gary Fry was elected to serve term ending in 2002 on the Christian Education Board. MSC to elect.

Rev. Alton Loveless presented an informational report from Randall House Publications. Rev. Fred Warner presented an informational report on the Foreign Mission program. Rev. Tim Campbell presented an informational report and extended greetings from Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Moderator called for a brief recess, and prayer was offered by Rev. Nathan Rubel.

Wednesday Morning Worship, June 5, 1997

Rev. Don Walker, Presiding

Rev. Curt Gwartney led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves". Rev. Don Walker led in prayer. The Ladies Trio from Fellowship Church provided the special music.

Rev. Don Walker introduced Rev. Dale Skiles who presented the morning message, entitled "Praying with Conviction" using

Ephesians 3:14 as his text. An alter of prayer was called for with Rev. Glenn Murray leading. The meeting was dismissed with everyone shaking hands.

Wednesday Afternoon, June 4, 1997

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

Rev. Curt Gwartney led the congregation in singing "The Family of God", followed by Rev. James McCully leading in prayer. Rev. Frank Webster presented a devotional, entitled "Prayer Changes Things".

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

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Gene Crewse to be re-elected. MSC to elect.

Rev. Richard Adams presented an informational report from the National Home Missions Department. Rev. Dale Skiles presented the report from the Missouri State Mission Department. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Cody Freeman to be re-elected. MSC to elect.

Sis. Dawn Sweeney presented an informational report from the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Inc., in Greeneville, Tennessee.

Rev. Ronnie Blanks presented the report from the Youth Camp Board. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Russell McDaris to be re-elected. MSC to elect.

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

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Curt Gwartney to be re-elected and Rev. Gene Howell to fill the 1998 vacant position on the Youth Ministries Board. MSC to elect.

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

Rev. James Barker presented the report of the Historical Commission. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

The Assistant Clerk read the recommendation of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Lloyd Durbin to be elected to serve on the Historical Commission. MSC to elect.

The following persons were nominated from the floor to serve as state delegates to the 1997 National Association: Joann Epperson, Diana Anderson, Sharon Parker, Becky Gwartney, and Brian Brinkhoff.

The Assistant Clerk read the report of the Obituary Committee. MSC to receive and adopt the report after a moment of standing, silent prayer in memory and honor of those who have gone to be with the Lord.

Rev. Cody Freeman presented the report of the Show-Me Plan. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

Rev. Jim Williams presented an informational report and extended greetings from California Christian College in Fresno, California.

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn the session for the day. MSC to adjourn. The session was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Russell McDaris.

Wednesday Evening, June 5, 1997

Rev. Gary Mitchener, Presiding

The prelude was played by the Trumpet Trio. The Fellowship Free Will Baptist Choir presented the special music. Bro. Doyle Fulbright led the congregational singing.

Presentation of Certificates of Achievement for courses taken through the extension program from Hillsdale College was given by Rev. Rick Dablemont to Lou Quinlan and Judy Dablemont.

The Trumpet Trio played while the evening offering was taken. Special music was provided by the Durbins. The evening message, entitled "Praying for Conversions" was presented by Rev. Fred Warner using Romans 10:1 as his text. An invitation was given, and the service was dismissed in prayer.

Thursday Morning, June 5, 1997

Fellowship Church

Rev. Ken Dodson, Moderator, Presiding

Rev. Curt Gwartney led the congregation in singing "At Calvary", and Rev. Cletus Nichols gave the invocation. Rev. Larry Allison presented the devotional, entitled "Pray and Take Action" using Joshua 7:6-9 as his text. Rev. Allison closed with prayer.

The Moderator called for the report of the Resolutions Committee and the report was read by the Assistant Clerk. MSC to receive the report and adopt the items. (See Resolutions Committee report.)

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 for 1999.

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

Rev. Nathan Ruble, Executive Secretary, presented the report of the Placement Committee. MSC to receive the report and to hold the Eighty-fifth session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists at Lebanon, Missouri.

MSC to adjourn the Eighty-fourth session of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists. The session was adjourned in prayer by Rev. Charles Miller.

Report of the Committee on Committees

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

Nominating Committee

Rev. Clarence Burton, Chairman
Rev. Don Richmann
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Lynn Beck
Rev. Wayne Phillips

Credentials Committee

Rev. Dale Skiles, Chairman
Rev. Earl Ames
Rev. Rick Chapman
Rev. Gene Crewse
Rev. Charley Miller

Prayerfully Submitted,

Rev. Vernon Long, Chairman
Rev. Bob Epperson
Rev. R. E. Helsley
Rev. Gene Howell
Rev. Jerry Norris

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Milan Ruble, Chairman
Rev. Cody Freeman
Rev. Glen Rehkop
Rev. Bob Thebeau
Rev. Ken Haney

Obituary Committee

Rev. Jim Williams, Chairman
Rev. Russell McDaris
Rev. Alvis Paul
Rev. Lindell Richardson
Rev. Dale Cochran

Report of the Credentials Committee

We, the Credentials Committee, have examined the letters from the following District Associations and have found them to be in order. We recommend that the letters be received and the delegates be seated.

Bootheel
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,

Rev. Dale Skiles, Chairman

Rev. Gene Crewse

Rev. Charley Miller

Rev. Rick Chapman

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. Richard Robinson
Assistant Clerk.....	Rev. Jim Williams
Christian Education Board.....	Rev. Gary Fry (Term expires in 2002)
Home Missions Board.....	Rev. Cody Freeman (Term expires in 2002)
Senior Adult Ministries Board.....	Rev. Gene Crewse (Term expires in 2002)
Youth Camp Board.....	Rev. Russell McDaris (Term expires in 2002)
Youth Ministries Board.....	Rev. Gene Howell (Term expires in 1998)
Rev. Curt Gwartney (Term expires in 2002)
Historical Commission.....	Rev. Lloyd Durbin (Term expires in 2000)

Prayerfully Submitted,

Rev. Clarence Burton, Chairman
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Wayne Phillips
Rev. Lynn Beck
Rev. Don Richmann

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

**Report of the General Board
(June 2, 1997)**

Recommendations To the Eighty-fourth Session:

Item #1

We recommend the adoption of the 1998 Proposed Cooperative Budget of \$400,000.00.

Item #2

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

Item #3

We recommend that the Co-Op allocation for the general fund be changed from 3.5% to 3 % and that the .5% be allocated to the Show-Me Plan for program expenses.

Item #4

We recommend that the Missouri Retirement Program be increased from \$650.00 per year to \$700.00 per year.

Report of the Resolution Committee

Resolution #1

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Corrections is attempting to change policies concerning the role of Chaplain in the Prison system, and whereas these changes would limit the ministry of the Chaplain and effectively neutralize his role as spiritual leader. Be it resolved that we, the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists, stand in opposition to these changes and that we inform our elected officials of this opposition.

Resolution #2

Be it resolved that we give a standing vote of appreciation to the St. Francois Association and to the Fellowship Church for hosting the 1997 Missouri State Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Milan Ruble

Robert Thebeau

Glenn Rehkop

Cody Freeman

Report of the Obituary Committee

We, the Obituary Committee, have looked over the reports from the Associations and find them to be in order. We make a motion that this State Association have a standing, silent moment of prayer in memory of those who have gone on to their final reward.

Cave Springs

Maime Bennett
Henry Sisk
Beverly Bagley
Paul Watson
Jim Case
Helen Lindsey
Emma Hinkle
Wilma Lee Willig
Oscar Davis
Opal Brawley

James Ard Hoyt
Marie Watson
Malcom German
Robert Fletcher
John R. Sandridge
Roy Crawford
Arthur Harris
Ardie Witt
Olsie Adams

Adam Honeycutt
Loyd Caldwell
Ray Watson
James "Polk" Holman
Louise Baker
Bernise Hackney
J. R. Walker
Genevie Caldwell
Othel Blankenship

Central Western

Alene Lee
Alice Routh
Hazel Bowman

Iris Jones
Zelma Cole

J. R. Smith
Clarence Blodgett

Greater Springfield

Laura Pickett

Ruby Black

Wanda Draper

Indian Creek

Marie Atwell
Virginia Davidson
Lonnie Curry
Zelia Forman
Opal Thrasher

Ella Atwell
Gretchen McKinley
Gertrude Bowen
Max Hampton

Ophie Greenway
Ruby Johnson
Opal Inman
Frances Meador

Laclede County

Glen Parker Gardner

Lorraine Caudle Crossroads

Mission

Ann Robertson
Ernestine Barnett
Ferriel Delcour
Billy Archer
Walter Baker
Mary Hayes
Elva Scheets

Gladys Darter
Ruby Dake
Ima Cope
Leonard Holloway
Dale West
Virginia Prier

Chester Fox
Rev. Ivan Parker
Eva Rimel
Louisa Raney
Dean Crewse
Ann Cheatum

Howard McCurry
Keith Canon
Robert Jackson
Wilford Baker

Niangua

Bertha McCurry
Mary Kathryn Fullerton
Marion Howard
Lee Pitts

John D. Slavens
Mildred Doak
Ivory Phillips
Leah White

Dorothy Miller
Catherine Reese
Emma Van Laningham

Northeast

Gladys Cooper
Sara Reese

Elva Crawford
Lola Filkins

Lillian Boyer

Northwest

Florence Barwald

Everett Cox

South Central

Otha Duing

Everett McKinnon

Katherine Stivers
Elva Kemp
Reagan Grindstaff

Southeast

Leonard Huffman
Claude Lee

Rev. Richard Huffman
Ethel Pirtle

Othal Horton
Carl Johnson
Beatrice W. Pinkston
Cathrine Bobo
Bill Barron
Norma White

St. Francois

Harlan Chaffin
Glen Lunsford
Pauline Cravens
Richard Bobo
Carl Thomas
Oma Barker

Ima Lee Couch
Allan DeGonia
Pearl Pinkston
Wayne Bergman
Bob Collins
Elsie Gammon

St. Louis

Nellie Mitchell

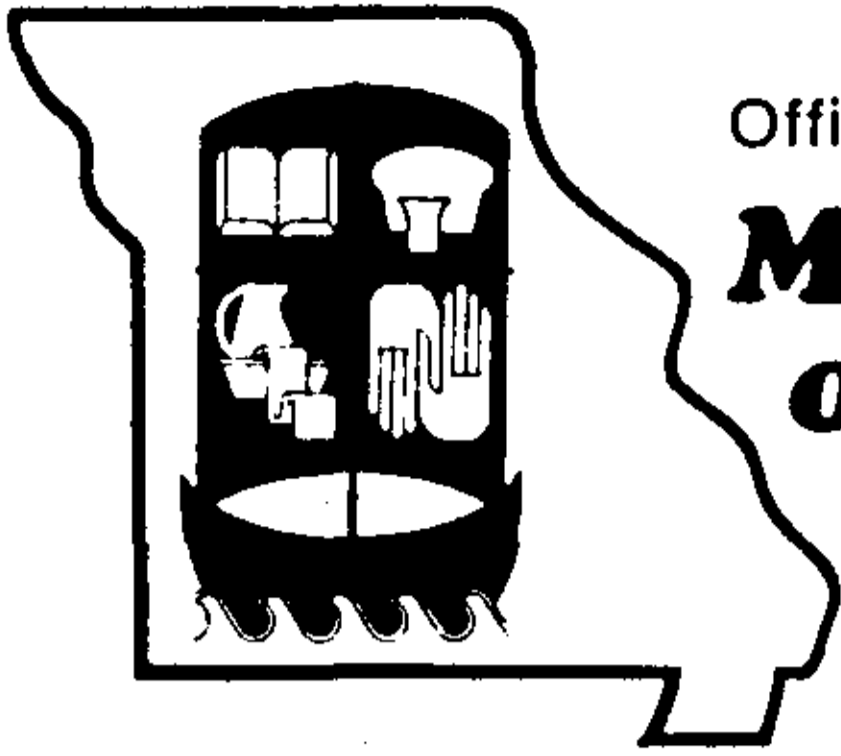
Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Williams, Chairman
Alvis Paul
Russell McDaris
Dale Cochran

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Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength: so will we sing and praise thy power.
(Ps 21:13)

God continues to bless the cooperative spirit and efforts of Missouri Free Will Baptists. Cooperative receipts for 1996 totaled \$432,323.28. This is less than the 1995 receipts, which totaled \$447,906.51. While the receipts are below last year receipts, they still exceed the 1996 budget by \$57,323.28.

A Minister's Retreat was held at Stonecroft Conference in March of 1996. Dr. Glenn McGriff was the guest speaker. The Christian Education Board volunteered to assist the Executive office in hosting the 1997 retreat. The 1998 Minister's Retreat will be held at the Stonecroft Conference Center March 23 -25.

The September Pastor/Layman's Retreat and All Boards Meeting was well attended. It continues to be a time of fellowship, encouragement, and instruction. I want to commend Ken Dodson, Rick Dablemont, Dale Skiles, Curt Gwartney, Howard Anderson, Ken and Judy Goff, and the Camp Board for making the retreat a success. The date for the 1997 meeting is September 8, 9.

The conference center project is moving slowly as we continue to search for acreage in a recreational area. Moderator Ken Dodson and I have looked at a number of potential sites. The property in Lebanon has been sold by the Senior Adult Ministries Board, and the \$109,747.50 has been deposited with the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

The office continues to receive funds to underwrite the expense of hosting the 2004 National Convention. We will need to complete this project in 1997.

Brotherhood Insurance group continues to insure several of the Missouri Free Will Baptist Churches. 1996 was the first year that the State Association qualified to receive a rebate from the company. The State Association received a check from Brotherhood in the amount of \$841.00. The money was disbursed to the Boards and Ministries of the Missouri State Association.

The Show-Me Plan is still in a state of transition. The Show-Me Plan Committee has done a good job. God is blessing this new program.

Thank you for your prayers and cooperation.

Sincerely in Christ,


Nathan Ruble

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

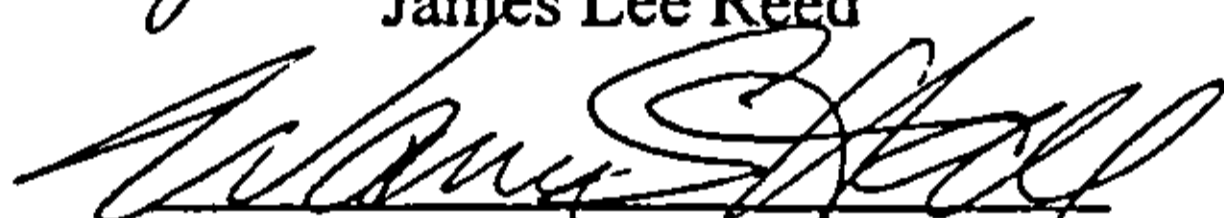
We have examined the books of the following: Executive Secretary/State Treasurer, Lebanon Bible & Bookstore, Youth Camp, Christian Education, Youth Ministries, Home Missions, Stewardship and Senior Adult Ministries.

We found them to present fairly the financial position of each respective board as of December 31, 1996.

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


Gary Tune


James Lee Reed


Warren Hall

1996 Co-op Receipts

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>	Amount of increase or decrease ()
Alton	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Bailey - Alton	\$266.22	\$2,098.83	\$1,832.61
Bailey Chapel	\$1,197.00	\$1,450.00	\$253.00
Beacon	\$3,500.00	\$1,750.00	(\$1,750.00)
Belton	\$3,557.43	\$3,826.10	\$268.67
Berean	\$83.00	\$250.00	\$167.00
Bethel-El Dorado Spr.	\$814.77	\$868.81	\$54.04
Bethel - Northview	\$2,216.99	\$1,273.76	(\$943.23)
Black Oak	\$2,879.32	\$2,479.17	(\$400.15)
Blue Springs	\$1,735.26	\$1,394.88	(\$340.38)
Bourbon	\$585.78	\$933.04	\$347.26
Byrd	\$402.00	\$633.34	\$231.34
Cabool	\$3,926.28	\$3,116.31	(\$809.97)
Calvary Chapel	\$3,872.77	\$5,534.08	\$1,661.31
Cape Girardeau	\$9,148.64	\$3,453.17	(\$5,695.47)
Carthage	\$2,217.70	\$4,081.85	\$1,864.15
Central-Grandview	\$10,830.25	\$11,337.65	\$507.40
Chapel of the Ozarks	\$570.14	\$795.08	\$224.94
Clifton S.S.-Thayer	\$966.56	\$860.93	(\$105.63)
Columbia	\$775.65	\$0.00	(\$775.65)
Cope	\$273.00	\$0.00	(\$273.00)
Copper Mines	\$3,398.58	\$3,830.05	\$431.47
Crossroads-Richland	\$2,250.82	\$1,833.08	(\$417.74)
Crossroads-Wentzville	\$3,183.00	\$2,314.45	(\$868.55)
Cuba	\$6,199.75	\$6,249.77	\$50.02
DeSoto 1st	\$11,385.00	\$12,465.00	\$1,080.00
Eastern Gate	\$2,837.41	\$0.00	(\$2,837.41)
Faith-Oak Grove	\$1,040.50	\$1,312.43	\$271.93
Faith & Hope-Aurora	\$965.80	\$749.30	(\$216.50)
Faith & Hope-Wil. Sp.	\$949.41	\$1,399.63	\$450.22
Farmington	\$26,212.70	\$25,776.92	(\$435.78)
Fordland	\$6,006.47	\$6,268.65	\$262.18
Fourth	\$3,005.00	\$2,847.24	(\$157.76)
Fredericktown 1st	\$4,052.00	\$3,387.00	(\$665.00)
Freeman Chapel	\$3,763.26	\$3,764.41	\$1.15
Friendship	\$5,087.11	\$4,639.92	(\$447.19)
Grace	\$13,506.00	\$12,608.00	(\$898.00)
Grant Avenue	\$11,628.58	\$11,234.70	(\$393.88)
Greenfield	\$806.00	\$904.00	\$98.00
Hannibal	\$755.00	\$566.00	(\$189.00)
Hannon	\$6,740.24	\$7,832.86	\$1,092.62
Happy Home	\$1,336.77	\$1,376.87	\$40.10
Harmony	\$5,257.00	\$5,719.00	\$462.00
Hartville	\$6,130.60	\$7,231.91	\$1,101.31
Hazel Creek	\$2,366.56	\$2,247.84	(\$118.72)
Heritage	\$294.78	\$1,139.00	\$844.22

Hickory Grove	\$200.00	\$189.00	(\$11.00)
Hopewell	\$2,050.00	\$2,354.00	\$304.00
Houston 1st	\$4,107.93	\$3,603.03	(\$504.90)
Hurryville	\$4,829.90	\$5,015.53	\$185.63
Jones Chapel	\$3,715.78	\$2,508.48	(\$1,207.30)
Jones C reek Rd	\$417.66	\$0.00	(\$417.66)
Joplin 1st	\$8,254.87	\$6,266.96	(\$1,987.91)
Kingsway	\$3,182.04	\$2,598.67	(\$583.37)
Kirksville	\$2,031.96	\$2,023.58	(\$8.38)
Koshkonong	\$1,765.00	\$1,755.55	(\$9.45)
Lead Hill	\$266.00	\$2,158.59	\$1,892.59
Leadington	\$5,016.03	\$2,654.40	(\$2,361.63)
Lebanon	\$0.00	\$2,561.40	\$2,561.40
Lebanon 1st	\$8,147.63	\$7,092.41	(\$1,055.22)
Liberty	\$2,247.61	\$0.00	(\$2,247.61)
Lone Star	\$581.68	\$636.75	\$55.07
Macedonia - Niangua	\$0.00	\$244.31	\$244.31
Marshfield	\$3,853.15	\$3,443.91	(\$409.24)
Merls Chapel	\$2,592.14	\$2,449.75	(\$142.39)
Mill Creek	\$3,617.21	\$3,631.88	\$14.67
Mine La Motte	\$552.27	\$529.23	(\$23.04)
Monett 1st	\$7,009.37	\$6,494.06	(\$515.31)
Mtn. Grove 1st	\$15,819.60	\$16,643.08	\$823.48
Mt. Pisgah	\$2,747.00	\$2,749.00	\$2.00
Mt. Zion-Gower	\$720.32	\$595.70	(\$124.62)
Myrtle	\$2,921.48	\$2,649.56	(\$271.92)
Myrtle Inman	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
N. Ruble	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Neosho 1st	\$1,045.00	\$1,235.00	\$190.00
New Harmony	\$292.21	\$295.87	\$3.66
New Home-Falcon	\$585.84	\$560.64	(\$25.20)
New Hope-Fred.	\$290.00	\$600.00	\$310.00
New Life-Licking	\$2,744.07	\$4,290.15	\$1,546.08
New Rock Spr.	\$1,527.00	\$1,815.00	\$288.00
Niangua	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
North Five	\$1,871.07	\$1,564.29	(\$306.78)
Number One	\$632.86	\$601.95	(\$30.91)
Oak Grove - Houston	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Oak Hill-Fred.	\$1,065.05	\$1,083.35	\$18.30
Oak Hill-Union	\$6,387.59	\$5,618.17	(\$769.42)
O'Fallon 1st	\$8,550.57	\$8,102.28	(\$448.29)
Olivet	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	(\$2,000.00)
Oskaloosa	\$813.16	\$540.37	(\$272.79)
Overland	\$1,160.00	\$1,121.00	(\$39.00)
Ozark 1st	\$7,626.87	\$7,817.49	\$190.62
Park Hills 1st	\$6,505.16	\$7,458.01	\$952.85
Parkview	\$3,350.84	\$5,817.84	\$2,467.00
Parkway-Sedalia	\$6,441.00	\$1,860.00	(\$4,581.00)
Pleasant Hill-Thayer	\$1,100.40	\$1,497.32	\$396.92
Pleasant Home-Mt Gr	\$2,800.75	\$3,069.40	\$268.65
Pleasant Ridge-Urb.	\$1,162.00	\$991.00	(\$171.00)

Potosi	\$1,560.92	\$1,876.33	\$315.41
Republic	\$1,279.82	\$1,914.34	\$634.52
Richwoods	\$1,644.00	\$1,827.00	\$183.00
Riverview, Ia	\$4,105.56	\$3,237.18	(\$868.38)
Rock Chapel	\$4,413.75	\$4,235.70	(\$178.05)
Rolla 1st	\$887.08	\$935.28	\$48.20
Royal Oak-Alton	\$1,374.00	\$1,113.00	(\$261.00)
Salem	\$420.00	\$0.00	(\$420.00)
Seymour	\$1,232.50	\$1,502.00	\$269.50
Smyrna	\$2,140.00	\$2,245.00	\$105.00
South Fremont	\$4,180.00	\$5,460.00	\$1,280.00
Southside	\$0.00	\$623.51	\$623.51
Springfield 1st	\$10,510.81	\$10,843.87	\$333.06
St. Francois Assn.	\$78.00	\$139.99	\$61.99
St. Peters	\$6,939.92	\$0.00	(\$6,939.92)
Stockton	\$1,786.66	\$1,910.01	\$123.35
Terrill Road	\$2,856.80	\$2,025.33	(\$831.47)
Thayer	\$9,645.00	\$10,767.00	\$1,122.00
Trinity	\$12,333.41	\$11,682.55	(\$650.86)
Twin Oak	\$3,647.93	\$4,145.90	\$497.97
Tyrone	\$526.35	\$303.70	(\$222.65)
Union-Success	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$0.00
Union Grove	\$2,844.00	\$3,105.00	\$261.00
Union Light-Marq	\$1,535.60	\$1,131.45	(\$404.15)
United	\$11,558.46	\$9,864.31	(\$1,694.15)
Unity	\$3,112.74	\$4,584.00	\$1,471.26
Verdella	\$4,288.63	\$4,691.50	\$402.87
Victory-Alton	\$2,003.02	\$2,291.10	\$288.08
Victory-K.C.	\$5,682.41	\$6,310.08	\$627.67
Victory Hill-Mfld.	\$687.33	\$579.63	(\$107.70)
Waynesville	\$3,492.45	\$3,831.77	\$339.32
West Plains 1st	\$7,136.16	\$6,917.75	(\$218.41)
Wilderness	\$2,098.79	\$2,278.67	\$179.88
Willow Spr.-Mt. Gr.	\$2,543.10	\$2,499.20	(\$43.90)
Wolf Creek	\$3,646.14	\$4,403.14	\$757.00
Total	\$447,906.51	\$432,323.28	(\$15,583.23)

Cooperative Disbursements

January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

64.50 %

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions Board	\$79,979.80
17.50%	Executive Office & Gem	75,656.60
3.50%	General Fund	15,131.33
8.50%	Youth Camp Board	36,747.47
2.50%	Youth Ministries Board	10,808.09
2.50%	Christian Education Board	10,808.09
2.50%	Senior Adult Ministries Board	10,808.09
9.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	38,909.08

30.50%

National Ministries, Hillsdale and California Christian College
\$131,858.58

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	\$21,616.15
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Total		\$432,323.28
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Proposed Cooperative Budget

January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

18.50%	Missouri State Home Missions	\$74,000.00
17.50%	Executive Department & Gem	70,000.00
3.50%	General Board	14,000.00
8.50%	Youth Camp	34,000.00
2.50%	Christian Education	10,000.00
2.50%	Senior Adult Ministries	10,000.00
2.50%	Youth Ministries	10,000.00
9.00%	Missouri State Retirement Program	36,000.00
30.50%	(Co-op will be sent undesignated)	
	National Ministries, FWBBC, Hillsdale, CCC	\$122,000.00
	Executive Department to receive 45%	
	Foreign Missions	
	FWBBC (FFBBC and Hillsdale receive equal allocation)	
	Hillsdale	
	Home Missions	
	Retirement & Insurance	
	Master's Men	
	FWB Foundation	
	Theological Commission	
	Historical Commission	
	Radio & T.V. Commission	
	Music Commission	
	California Christian College to receive 1%	
5.00%	Conference Center	\$20,000.00
TOTAL		\$400,000.00

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 Board	450.00
9.50%	Missouri State Retirement	1,710.00
TOTAL		\$18,000.00

Designated Gifts 1996

Foreign Missions - Rec'd & Disb	\$230,682.71
Show-Me Plan - Rec'd	5,910.84
National Home Missions - Rec'd & Disb	93,434.97
Missouri State Home Missions - Rec'd & Disb	26,919.56
Missouri State Youth Camp - Rec'd & Disb	7,373.49
Free Will Baptist Bible College - Rec'd & Disb	4,500.25
Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College - Rec'd & Disb	14,254.41
California Christian College - Rec'd & Disb	239.25
Children's Home, Greenville, Tn. - Rec'd & Disb	3,414.22
Children's Home - Alabama	5.00
Children's Home - South Carolina	25.00
John McClure - Rec'd & Disb	3,659.02
Missouri Retirement Program - Rec'd & Disb	1,827.74
Board of Retirement & Ins. - Rec'd & Disb	8.00
National Offices - Rec'd & Disb	4,094.22
Christian Education Board - Rec'd & Disb	483.64
Youth Ministries Board - Rec'd & Disb	561.64
Senior Adult Ministries Board - Rec'd & Disb	483.64
World Vision - Rec'd & Disb	115.00
World Relief - Rec'd & Disb	110.00
Feed the Children	30.00
Steve Smith	851.50
Stewardship Commission - Rec'd & Disb	6,300.00
Blue Springs Mission	473.06
Lead Hill Church	348.42
Pittsburg, IL - Flood Relief	1,000.00
Executive Department (see report)	14,878.94
General Fund (see report)	129,339.92
Total	\$551,324.44

Executive Department & Gem

January 1, 1996

December 31, 1996

Balance Forward \$39,104.38

Receipts:

Cooperative	\$75,656.60
Gem Subscriptions	6,652.00
Designated	3,756.07
Youth Camp Bd. Contribution to Gem	800.00
Refunds	385.00
Interest	1,680.87
Ministers Retreat Registration	1,605.00

Total 90,535.54

Receipts + Bal Fwd \$129,639.92

Disbursements:

Salary - Executive Secretary	\$16,796.54
Retirement (Bd. Ret. & Ins.)	2,400.00
Salary - Office Secretary	5,282.79
Housing & Utilities	10,800.00
Health Insurance	2,244.00
Life Insurance	579.00
Gem Printing & Mailing	19,568.88
Utilities	78.71
Travel & Promotion	3,170.86
Telephone & Postage	598.76
Social Security	4,000.00
Auto Payments, Insurance, License	5,061.23
All Boards Meeting	854.15
Promotion - Calendars, etc.	367.17
Office Supplies	362.70
Expenses - Nat'l Convention, State Assn., & Leadership	1,203.57
IRS Withholding	3,969.87
Stonecroft Conference Center - Ministers Retreat	4,987.30
Flowers	152.12
Miscellaneous	242.05
Deposit Correction	67.50

Total Disbursements \$82,787.50

Working Balance \$46,852.42

Executive Department & Gem Proposed Budget

January 1, 1998

December 31, 1998

Ending Balance 1996		\$46,852.42
Proposed income 1997	\$82,250.00	
Proposed expenses 1997	<u>82,547.52</u>	
	-297.52	<u>-297.52</u>
Proposed Balance Forward		\$46,554.90
Receipts:		
Cooperative (17.5% x 400,000)	\$70,000.00	
Gem Subscriptions	7,000.00	
Designated	3,000.00	
Interest	1,600.00	
Total	\$81,600.00	
Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$128,154.90
Disbursements:		
Salary - Executive Secretary	\$19,498.20	
Retirement (Bd. Ret. & Ins.)	2,700.00	
Salary - Office Secretary	8,580.00	
Housing & Utilities	10,800.00	
Health Insurance	2,637.48	
Gem Printing & Mailing	20,000.00	
Utilities	600.00	
Travel & Promotion	3,500.00	
All Boards - Preacher/Layman Retreat	800.00	
Auto Payments, Insurance, License	5,000.00	
Telephone	600.00	
Postage	400.00	
Mail Permit	85.00	
Social Security	4,000.00	
Office & Conference Room Supplies	400.00	
Expenses - Nat'l Convention, State Assn., & Leadership	1,400.00	
Christmas Gifts - Ex. Secy & Office Secy	450.00	
IRS Withholding	700.00	
Life Insurance	597.00	
Minister's Retreat	2,000.00	
Mission Allowance	1,206.00	
Miscellaneous	300.00	
Total Disbursements	\$86,253.68	
Working Balance		\$41,901.22

General Fund

January 1, 1996

December 31, 1996

Balance Forward		\$11,564.81
Receipts:		
Cooperative	\$15,131.33	
District Assoc. Rep Contributions	5,280.00	
Designated	738.05	
Offerings Rec'd at State Convention	528.62	
Refunds (Bookstore for Bldg. Insur. & misc.)	2,217.25	
Payment on Youth Camp Loan	5,000.00	
2004 National Convention Receipts	5,828.50	
Sell of Property (60 acres)	109,747.50	
Total Receipts		\$144,471.25

Total Receipts + Bal Fwd	\$156,036.06
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Disbursements:

Travel & Meals (Gen. Bd., Ex. Comm., Planning & Historical Comm.)	4,707.81
Clerk Salary & Office Expense	532.00
Nat'l Assoc. Rep Fee	4,425.00
Delegate & Gen. Bd Gratitude-Nat'l Assoc.	250.00
State Convention Expense	1,794.29
Office Supplies, Digest of Reports, Badges, Covers	589.82
Utilities	1,212.63
Postage & Permit Fee	324.76
Telephone	570.02
Insurance - State Office & Bookstore	3,886.10
Secretary of State	15.00
Flowers	296.26
College Ad	50.00
Flag Contract	20.00
Maintenance	414.87
Leadership Conference	236.00
All Boards	50.00
Miscellaneous (film & develop., bathroom supplies, etc)	457.37
Returned Ck. Charge	2.50
Free Will Baptist Foundation - 2004 Nat'l Conv. Trust acc.	7,578.50
Free Will Baptist Foundation - Conference Center Trust acc.	109,747.50

Total Disbursements	\$137,160.43
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Working Balance	\$18,875.63
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*Note: General Fund Balance includes \$4,000.00 maintenance fund.

General Fund

Proposed Budget

January 1, 1998 - December 31, 1998

Ending balance 1996		\$18,875.63
Proposed income 1997	\$20,430.00	
Proposed expenses 1997	<u>-18,968.00</u>	
	+1,462.00	<u>+1,462.00</u>
Balance Forward		\$20,337.63
Receipts:		
Cooperative (3.50% X \$390,000)		\$14,000.00
District Assns Rep Contributions		5,280.00
Offerings Rec'd at State Convention		500.00
Designated		1,000.00
Total Receipts		\$20,780.00
Total Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$41,117.63
Disbursements:		
Travel & Meals (Gen Bd, Ex Comm, Planning Comm, Audit Comm & Historical Comm)		\$4,800.00
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		\$19,265.00
Working Balance		\$21,852.63

Conference Center Fund

January 1, 1996

December 31, 1996

COMMERCE BANK - Lebanon, MO

Balance Forward		\$11,716.47
Receipts:		
Cooperative	\$13,288.72	
Interest	381.01	
Total	13,669.73	
Receipts + Bal Fwd		\$25,386.20
Disbursements:		
Transfer of Funds to FWB Foundation	\$10,000.00	
Total Disbursements	\$10,000.00	
Working Balance		<u>\$15,386.20</u>

FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Balance FWD		\$95,157.18
Receipts		
Cooperative Receipts	18,327.43	
Receipts from 60 acres	109,747.50	
Interest	3,104.72	
Total Receipts	\$131,179.65	
Total Receipts + Bal Fwd		<u>\$226,336.83</u>

Working Balance of Both Accounts **\$241,723.03**

2004 National Convention Fund

January 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

Receipts:

State Association	\$2,000.00
Bootheel Assn.	75.00
Cave Springs Assn.	1,155.00
Greater Springfield Assn.	525.00
Indian Creek Assn.	1,175.00
Liberty Assn.	823.50
Mid Rivers Assn.	75.00
Niangua Assn.	150.00
Northeast Assn.	300.00
South Central Assn.	525.00
Southeast Assn.	775.00
Interest	64.50
Total Receipts	\$7,643.00

Disbursements: .00

Balance FWD. \$7,643.00

Funds to host the 2004 National Convention are deposited with the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Recap of All Monies 1996

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
Loan to Youth Camp	5,000.00
Office Equipment	\$60,000.00
State Office & Bookstore Building	\$250,000.00
Total Assets	\$365,669.19
Liabilities	0.00
Assets Less Liabilities	\$365,669.19

Balance Forwarded from '94	\$42,088.59
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Total Receipts (Cooperative & 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	\$90,535.54
General Fund	28,895.25
State Home Mission	114,702.33
Youth Camp	44,704.12
Youth Ministries	11,369.73
C.E. Board	11,291.73
Senior Adult Ministries	11,291.73
Stewardship Commission	6,300.00
MO Retirement Program	40,736.82

\$359,983.25*

National Ministries

Executive Office	\$59,648.39
Foreign Missions	347,457.77
FWBBC	21,721.68
Home Missions	171,446.95
Retirement & Insurance	5,282.34
Master's Men	8,203.00
Commission for Theological Integrity	331.68
WNAC	9,501.86
FWB Foundation	2,644.32
Historical Commission	329.65
Radio & TV Commission	329.65
Music Commission	329.65

\$627,226.94

Other Ministries:

Hillsdale FWB College	\$28,758.85**
California Christian College	239.95**
Trula Cronk Home for Children - Tn.	3,414.22**
John McClure	3,659.02**
World Vision	115.00**
World Relief	110.00**
Feed the Children	30.00**
Steve Smith	851.50**
Children's Home - Ala.	5.00**
Children's Home - S.C.	25.00**
Show - Me Plan	5,910.84
2004 Nat'l Convention	5,828.50

\$48,947.88

Total Giving

\$1,036,158.07

*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, 1997

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 March. Most of our funds are being allocated for several different projects. First, we are happy to sponsor B. J. Worth and the Minister's Tax Seminar at this year's association. 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, we were happy to work with the State Executive Department in some joint project regarding a Minister's Retreat March 17-19 at Stonecroft Conference Center. The speakers for this year's retreat were Dr. Tom Malone and Rev. Rob Morgan. We will be scheduling another Minister's Retreat for March, 1998.

Fourth, we are assisting, through equipment purchase, scholarships, and shared expenses, the External Studies program which meets at Cuba, Mountain Grove, and Park Hills. We have been providing two minister's scholarships up to \$160.00 each based on need. We expanded this year into the Mountain Grove and Park Hills. And added one scholarship. We are also looking to expand it into the St. Louis area. Scholarship recipients will be determined by the faculty. The External Studies Program continues to develop at a tremendous pace. Hopefully, Rev. Rick Dablemont, ESP Administrator, will be able to give 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, we have produced the *C. E. News* on a quarterly basis. This paper contains several items including: a spotlight church, promotional ideas, suggestions on leadership and finances, 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, the 1996 State Association adopted the Show Me Foreign Missions Plan. The Christian Board has provided the "Shares" for the program.

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"
"Bring Up Kids Without Tearing Them Down" by Dr. Kevin Leman
"An Ounce of Prevention" by Gary Richmond

Christian Education

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

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 (Audio)
"Heaven's Gates and Hell's Flames" by Reality Ministry
"The Miracle in Modesto" by Reality Ministry

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
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.

* We also have some sets on loan from various churches and individuals. Among them are *How to Lead and Manage the Local Church*, *Financial Principles* by John Maxwell.

Respectfully Submitted:

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

MISSOURI CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

1996 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

CASH ON HAND- January 1, 1996	\$24,109.58
ACTUAL CASH ON HAND	\$24,109.58

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Program	\$11,461.41	
Interest Income-checking	438.48	
Tuition Income	4,000.50	
Asset Refund	25.00	
Refund (Institute)	380.00	
Refund (Mo. Show-Me Plan)	179.00	
TOTAL INCOME FOR 1996		<u>\$16,484.39</u>
TOTAL CASH FOR 1996		\$40,593.97

DISBURSEMENTS:

Assets	\$ 1,268.30	
Board Expense	1,201.62	
Office Expense	185.02	
Bookkeeping Expense	300.00	
Roll Call Sunday Expense	371.77	
College Tuition Scholarship	1,800.00	
State Meeting Expense	1,100.53	
Instructional Institute Expense	9,753.96	
Refund Expense	25.00	
Missouri Show-Me Plan Expense	<u>2,584.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1996		<u>\$18,588.20</u>
TOTAL CASH ON HAND-December 31,1996		\$22,005.77

PROPOSED 1997 BUDGET

ACTIVE CLOSING BALANCE 1996	\$22,005.77
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RECEIPTS:

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	\$10,000.00
INTEREST ON CD	250.00
INTEREST INCOME (CKG)	400.00
VIDEO INCOME-LENDING	200.00
TUITION INCOME (EXTERNAL STUDIES)	<u>4,000.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,850.00
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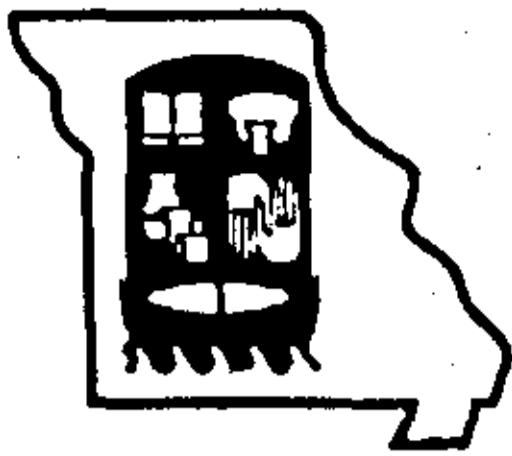
TOTAL MONEY FOR 1997	<u>\$36,855.77</u>
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EXPENDITURES:

BOARD EXPENSES	1,500.00
VIDEO PURCHASES	2,000.00
ROLL CALL SUNDAY	400.00
PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES	1,000.00
INSTRUCTORS HONORARIUMS	7,700.00
BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	1,800.00
FWBBC	900.00
HILLSDALE	900.00
MISC. EXPENSE	<u>450.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,850.00
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PROPOSED BALANCE FOR 1997	<u>\$22,005.77</u>
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Missouri Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board

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

Greetings from the Missouri Home Missions Board of Free Will Baptists.

From the sincerity of our hearts, we, the mission board, would like to thank each individual, each church, each youth group, each local Woman's Auxiliary, each quarterly meeting, each district association, the State Woman's Auxiliary and anyone else who supported State Home Missions this past year with your prayers and financial support.

God has certainly blessed the efforts of our mission works this past year. To Him be all glory and praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

We, as your mission board, are currently supporting the following missions: Ozark, Rev. Gary Mitchener, pastor; Poplar Bluff, Rev. Don Richmann, pastor; Moberly, Rev. Lynn Beck, pastor; Hannibal, Rev. Dale Cochran, pastor; Blue Springs, Rev. Alvin Hook, pastor; Stockton, Rev. Bill Ragsdale, pastor; Sedalia, Rev. Gary Bigelow, pastor; and Wentzville, Rev. Wes Rider, pastor.

It is our expectation that most of these missions will be self-supporting by the end of 1997.

We urge you to continue to support prayerfully and financially the state home mission program. We believe state home missions is worthy of your support. And, we, as a board, make every effort to be good stewards of the money and other responsibilities of state missions entrusted to us.

The perpetual loan fund continues to increase. We were recently able to make a loan to Blue Springs to help them erect a first unit building.

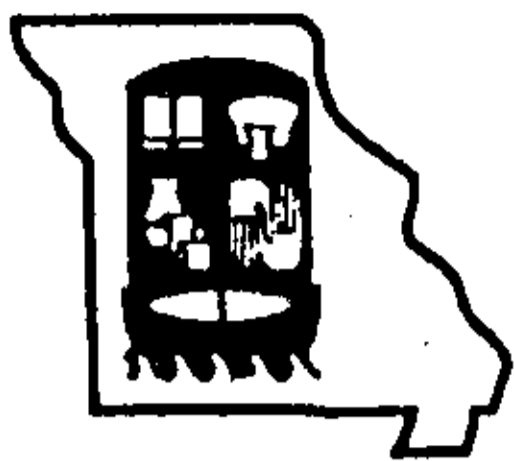
We covet your prayers as we seek God's leadership in starting at least one new mission work in Missouri this year. It is still our hope and prayer that someday there will be a Free Will Baptist Church within driving distance of everyone living in our state.

In Christ and for State Home Missions,

Rev. Dale Skiles, General Director

Rev. Cliff Bowman, chairman
Rev. Roger Harwell, member

Rev. Clarence Burton, member
Rev. Cody Freeman, member



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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996 GENERAL FUND - CHECKING ACCOUNT

CASH BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1996 \$ 11,131.56

RECEIPTS

COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS	\$ 74,788.53
RETURNED SALARY	40,449.04
RETURNED INSURANCE	4,794.77
UNDESIGNATED	12,832.95
DESIGNATED	<u>21,889.58</u>

TITAK RECEIPTS \$ 154,754.87 \$ 154,754.87

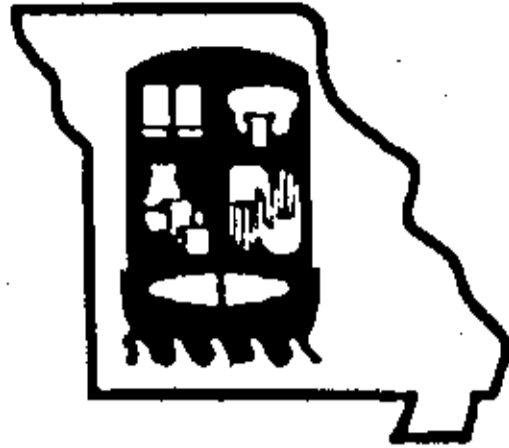
TOTAL CASH BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS \$ 165,886.43

DISBURSEMENTS

SALARY	\$ 72,600.00
HOUSING	49,200.00
TELEPHONE	371.07
MILEAGE	4,163.00
BOOKKEEPING	2,675.00
INSURANCE	12,226.60
OFFICE SUPPLY	256.49
BOARD EXPENSE	2,475.92
WENTZVILLE	7,000.00
DIRECTOR EXPENSE	2,825.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	400.00
COLUMBIA	1,015.23
FLOOD PLAIN INSURANCE	60.00
MISSIONS RETREAT	741.44
PRINTING	327.94
POSTAGE	192.00
SUN SECURITY BANK (DEED)	255.00
SECRETARY OF STATE	30.00
LOVE GIFTS	928.60
RETURNED TO FOURTH CHURCH	800.00
MOVING EXPENSE (W. RIDER),	<u>92.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 158,635.29 \$ 158,635.29

BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND DECEMBER 31, 1996 \$ 7,251.14



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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS JANUARY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996 LOAN FUND

CASH BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1996 \$ 134,808.21

RECEIPTS

POPLAR BLUFF LOAN PAYMENT	\$ 5,532.72
OAK GROVE LOAN PAYMENT	18,288.12
INTEREST EARNED	3,678.81
MICHAEL DEMING LOAN PAYMENT	9,688.32
CROSSROADS LOAN PAYMENT	2,200.00
MOBERLY LOAN PAYMENT	<u>749.48</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 40,137.48 \$ 40,137.48

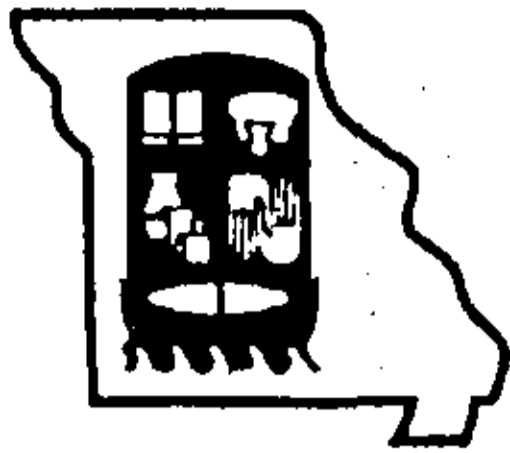
TOTAL RECEIPTS PLUS BALANCE \$ 174,945.69

DISBURSEMENTS

MISSIONS CONFERENCE	\$ 350.00
MILEAGE	225.29
SOUTHSIDE CHURCH (GIFT)	2,000.00
CHECK PRINTING	13.82
TRANSFERRED TO CHECKING	5,000.00
MOBERLY LOAN PAYMENT	1,499.02
LOAN TO HANNIBAL	1,655.00
INSURANCE	1,973.65
WENTZVILLE PAYMENT	1,680.53
SECURITY BANK (APPRAISAL)	250.00
LOAN TO OZARK	<u>-5,044.00</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 19,691.31 \$ 19,691.31

BALANCE IN LOAN FUND DECEMBER 31, 1996 \$ 155,254.38



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BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 1, 1996 - DECEMBER 31, 1996

CURRENT ASSETS

CASH IN BANK (CHECKING ACCOUNT)	\$ 7,251.14
CASH IN BANK (LOAN FUND)	155,254.38
CD SUN SECURITY BANK	114,005.00
COLUMBIA ACCOUNT	<u>99,875.91</u>

TOTAL	\$ 376,386.43	\$ 376,386.43
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OTHER ASSETS

OZARK	\$ 1103,000.00
POPLAR BLUFF	10,000.00
OTHER LOANS	50,000.00
SUPERVISED PROPERTY	<u>2,095,150.00</u>

TOTAL	\$2,258,150.00	\$ 2,258,150.00
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EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES	\$ 1,500.00	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
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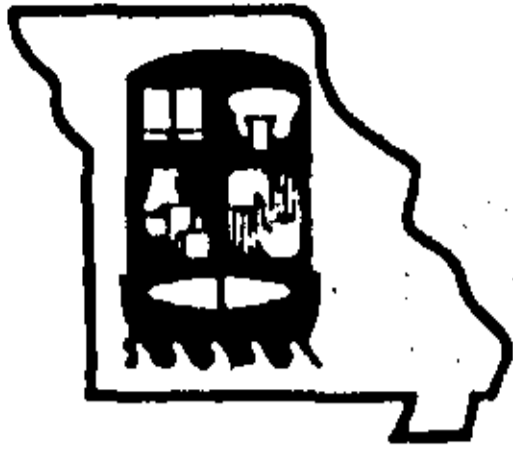
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 2,636,036.43
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PROPERTIES UNDER BOARD SUPERVISION

	VALUED	LIABILITIES	EQUITY
CARTHAGE	\$ 132,500.00	\$ 47,989.00	\$ 84,511.00
BRANSON	233,200.00	0	233,200.00
MOBERLY	82,250.00	39,429.00	42,821.00
POPLAR BLUFF	125,000.00	39,187.00	85,813.00
HANNIBAL	109,500.00	56,741.00	52,759.00
SEDALIA	190,700.00	103,741.00	86,959.00
WENTZVILLE	300,000.00	141,179.00	158,821.00
OZARK	357,000.00	214,497.00	142,503.00
BLUE SPRINGS	121,000.00	92,158.00	28,842.00
OAK GROVE	250,000.00	135,000.00	115,000.00
REPUBLIC	160,000.00	0	160,000.00
COMMUNITY AURORA	<u>35,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>35,000.00</u>
TOTALS	\$ 2,095,150.00	\$ 869,921.00	\$ 1,226,229.00

BOARD EQUITY	\$ 1,226,229.00	
FUND BALANCE	<u>539,886.43</u>	
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 1,766,115.43	\$ 1,766,115.43
LIABILITIES (SUPERVISED PROPERTY)		<u>869,921.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		\$ 2,636,036.43
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PROPOSED BUDGET - 1998

CLOSING BALANCE 1996		\$ 7,251.14
PROPOSED INCOME 1997	\$ 202,150.00	
PROPOSED EXPENSES 1997	<u>207,150.00</u>	
	\$ -5,000.00	<u>\$ -5,000.00</u>
PROPOSED CLOSING BALANCE 1997		\$ 2,251.14
PROJECTED BEGINNING BALANCE 1998		\$ 2,251.14
ANTICIPATED INCOME 1998		
COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS	\$ 74,000.00	
RETURNED SALARY	75,000.00	
DESIGNATED GIVING	25,000.00	
UNDESIGNATED GIVING	<u>20,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$ 194,000.00	<u>\$ 194,000.00</u>
TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME PLUS PROJECTED BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 196,251.14
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES 1998		
SALARY	\$ 80,000.00	
HOUSING	50,000.00	
INSURANCE	4,800.00	
MILEAGE	4,500.00	
BOOKKEEPING & CLERK	5,000.00	
BOARD EXPENSE	3,000.00	
DIRECTOR EXPENSE	5,000.00	
TELEPHONE	500.00	
SOCIAL SECURITY	400.00	
MISSION RETREAT	2,000.00	
PRINTING & ADVERTISING	1,000.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	800.00	
NEW WORK	<u>30,000.00</u>	
TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	\$ 187,000.00	<u>\$ 187,000.00</u>
PROJECTED ENDING BALANCE 1998		\$ 9,251.14



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GOSPEL TAPES AND CD'S

GREETINGS TO MISSOURI FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF THE LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE WISH TO GREET YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE WELCOME YOU TO THIS ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MISSOURI STATE ASSOCIATION. IT OUR PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS REPORT TO YOU.

TOTAL SALES FOR 1996 WERE \$453,962.48. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF \$15,531.43 OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND AS YOU CAN SEE IT WAS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR. GOD HAS CERTAINLY BEEN GOOD TO US. \$18,000.00 WAS GIVEN TO MISSOURI CO-OP IN 1996. THIS WAS DISTRIBUTED TO THE VARIOUS MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR STATE WORK. COMPLETE FINANCIAL DETAIL ARE GIVEN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

THIS MINISTRY DEPENDS ON YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS. WE THANK ALL OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN MISSOURI FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE DURING THE PAST YEAR. AS YOU CAN SEE YOUR SUPPORT HAS ENABLED US TO RETURN A GOOD PORTION BACK TO OUR STATE WORK.

WE ARE TRUSTING GOD TO DO GREAT THINGS FOR YOU DURING THIS STATE MEETING. PLEASE COME BY OUR BOOKSTORE AND VISIT WHILE YOU ARE HERE. GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU LABOR FOR HIM.

IN CHRIST

WARREN LIVINGSTON, MGR

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT
1996

SALES		
Bookstore Sales	268,724 78	
Sunday School Literature Sales	159,198 97	
VBS Literature Sales	17,040 06	
Postage and Handling	<u>8,998.67</u>	
NET SALES		<u>453,962 48</u>
COST OF SALES		
Beginning Inventory	197,104 00	
Purchases	288,772.25	
Total Cost of Merchandise	485,876 25	
Less Ending Inventory	207,967.52	
Net Cost Of Sales	277,908 73	
Freight	1,790 28	
Supplies	<u>2,627.10</u>	<u>282,326 11</u>
GROSS PROFIT		<u>171,636.37</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Postage and UPS	7,345 87	
Utilities and Telephone	9,025 43	
Advertising	16,146 01	
Bldg Maintenance and Repair	1,382 83	
Wages and Bonus	49,640 38	
Payroll Taxes	15,094.30	
Depreciation	811 64	
Insurance	8,835.25	
Miscellaneous	<u>11,209 25</u>	<u>119,491 58</u>
NET PROFIT		<u>52,144 79</u>
LESS MISSOURI CO-OP		<u>18,000 00</u>
NET TOTAL		<u>34,144 79</u>
Beginning Accounts Receivable		7,918 53
Ending Accounts Receivable		<u>10,749 44</u>
Beginning Accounts Payable		12,850 43
Ending Accounts Payable		<u>13,129 68</u>

RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
1996

BEGINNING BALANCE		65,896 82
Receipts	465,674.76	
Redeposit Returned Checks	360 86	
Interest	<u>537 27</u>	<u>466,572.89</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		<u>532,559 71</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS		
Resale Purchases	184,519.33	
Sunday School Literature	114,002.61	
Freight	1,790 28	
Postage	3,200.00	
UPS	4,145.87	
Supplies	2,441.16	
Office Supplies	224 04	
Utilities	4,745.60	
Telephone	4,279 83	
Advertising	16,141 01	
Bldg Maintenance and Repair	1,382.83	
Missouri CO-OP	18,000.00	
Building Insurance	2,196 25	
Equipment	1,978.82	
Equipment Rental	1,119.42	
Equipment Maintenance	1,478 71	
Wages	42,049.53	
Bonus	7,590 85	
Payroll Tax	15,094 30	
Employee Insurance	6,639 62	
Mileage	585 76	
Convention, Seminar Exp	480.00	
Booksellers Assoc Dues	50 00	
Property Taxes	2,611 39	
Sales Tax	14,892.78	
Bank Card Charges	900.47	
Returned Checks	507.82	
Retirement	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,839 29</u>	<u>456,892 57</u>

BALANCE ON HAND		<u>75,667 14</u>
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CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL

ASSETS	BEGINNING	ENDING	INCREASE (DECREASE)
BANK BALANCE	66,017 66	75,667 14	9,646.48
CASH ON HAND	200 00	200 00	-0-
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	7,918 53	10,749 44	2,830 91
INVENTORY	197,104.00	207,967.52	10,863 52
	<u>271,240 19</u>	<u>294,584.10</u>	<u>23,343 91</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT	36,713.45	38,692.27	1,978 82
LESS ACCUMULATED DEP.	34,863 56	35,495.20	631 54
	<u>273,090 08</u>	<u>297,781.17</u>	<u>24,691.09</u>
LIABILITIES			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	16,485 05	13,129.68	(3,355.37)
PAYROLL TAX	1,555 27	1,608 73	53.46
SALES TAX	2,582.06	2,930 11	348 05
OPERATING FUNDS BALANCE	252,467 70	280,412.65	27,944.95

LEBANON BIBLE AND BOOKSTORE
PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1998

INCOME

Bookstore Sales	250,000 00	
Sunday School Literature	175,000 00	
VBS Literature	20,000.00	
Shipping and Handling	<u>10,000 00</u>	455,000 00

EXPENDITURES

Resale Purchases	180,000.00	
Sunday School Literature	120,000 00	
Freight	1,800 00	
Postage	3,200 00	
UPS	4,200 00	
Supplies	2,800.00	
Utilities	4,800.00	
Telephone	4,000.00	
Advertising	15,000.00	
Bldg. Maintenance and Repair	1,500 00	
Missouri CO-OP	18,000.00	
Equipment Maintenance	1,200.00	
Wages and Bonus	58,500.00	
Payroll Tax	4,800.00	
Retirement	1,400.00	
Convention, Seminar Expense	1,200.00	
Transportation	1,000 00	
Property Tax	2,600.00	
Insurance	8,800.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>437,300 00</u>

NET PROFIT

17,700.00



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 May 6-8, 1996, the Senior Adult Ministries Board sponsored the ninth annual, SENIOR ADULT RETREAT, at the beautiful Stonecroft Conference Center at Hollister Mo. The services were of the quality that retreat patrons have come to expect. Bro. Ben Scott preached very soul stirring messages on Monday evening and Wednesday morning. The singing of the Reggie Saddler family as well as the preaching of Bro. Reggie on Tuesday evening was a real high point of the retreat. Bro. Reggie along with his lovely wife and three lovely and talented daughters were a very special blessing to all. We hope to have them again in the 1997 retreat.

In 1997 we are planning on having a two part retreat. This will enable all of the retreat patrons to stay in the conference center. This will be a sizable task, but one we feel worth undertaking. The first part of the week will be session #1, running from Monday evening until Wednesday morning about noon. The #2 session will run from Wednesday evening until Friday morning at about noon. The registration will still be on a first come first serve basis.

The retreat for 1997 is scheduled for the middle of May. The dates are for session #1, May 19-21 and for session #2 May 21-23. There will be a small increase in the retreat cost due to the increase we received from Stonecroft. The Senior Adult Ministries Board underwrites about 40% to 45% of the cost to those attending the retreat. This is only possible due to the COOP of the Missouri State Association. We are very thankful for all of the Churches who are a part of the Mo. COOP plan. The benefits of the COOP plan are many. All the standing boards are supported in most part by this plan.

We would like to thank you of the Mo. State Assoc. for allowing us, the men of the board, to serve you. It is a real blessing to see all who attend having such good time. God Bless You All.

Rev. Glenn Murray	Chairman
Rev. Charley Miller	Vice Chairman
Rev. Gene Crewse	Secretary
Rev. Gary Sheets	Treasurer
Rev. R.E. Helsley	Board Member



Senior Adult Ministries Board
Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist
P.O. Box 991 Lebanon, MO 65536

JAN. 1, 1996 - DEC. 31, 1996
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1995 BAL. FWD.

\$21,267.79

RECEIPTS

COOP	\$10,808.09
DESIGNATED	450.00
CHECK INT.	318.66
RETREAT	7,940.00
RETREAT CASH	
REDEPOSIT	400.00
MTL. REFUND	50.00
BRO. HOOD INS.	33.64
TOTAL	\$20,000.39

	\$20,000.39
TOTAL WORKING CAPITOL	\$41,268.18

DISBURSEMENTS

MLIEAGE	\$ 949.50
MEALS	199.57
PHONE	
POSTAGE	161.10
PRINTING	90.25
BOOKKEEPING	140.00
LIB. INS	110.00
SECT. OF STATE	15.00
TRES. COMP.	360.00
HONORARIUMS	1,860.00
STONECROFT	12,226.00
OLD SOUTHERN INN	1,405.62
RIDGEVIEW MTL.	735.84
RETREAT CASH	400.00
FLOWERS	28.00
RETREAT REFUNDS	150.00
RETREAT DEPT.	
FOR 1997	3,480.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	10.00
TOTAL DISB.	\$22,320.88

	\$41,268.18
TOTAL DISB.	22,320.88
BAL. FWD.	\$18,947.30



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1998 PROPOSED BUDGET

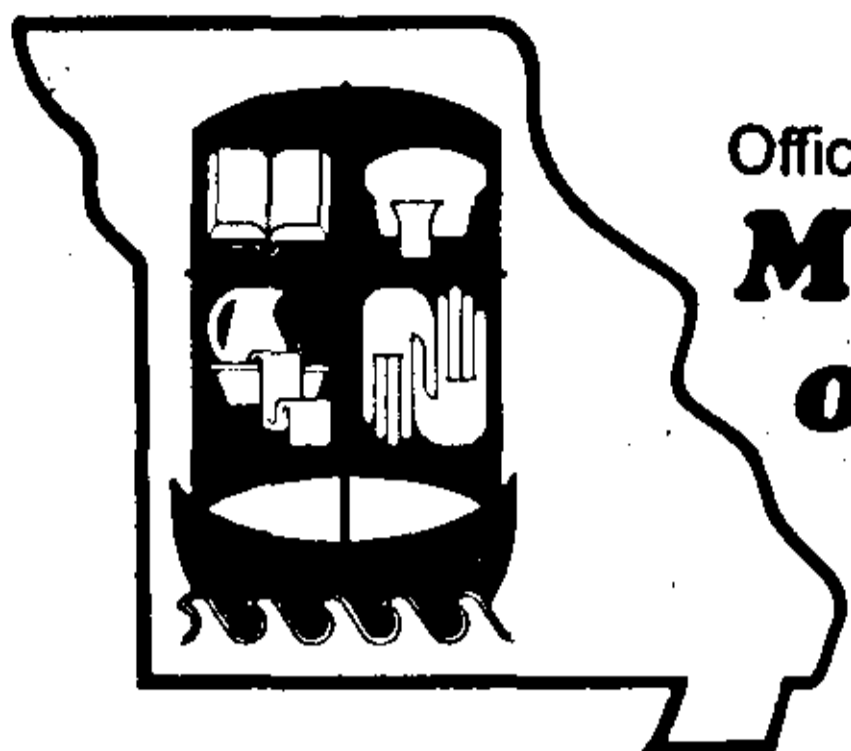
1996 CLOSING BALANCE	\$18,947.30
1997 PROPOSED RECEIPTS	<u>15,750.00</u>
	\$34,697.30
1997 PROPOSED DISBURSEMENTS	<u>21,695.00</u>
1997 PROJECTED CLOSING BALANCE	\$13,002.30
 BALANCE FORWARD	 \$13,002.30

1998 PROJECTED RECEIPTS

COOP	\$10,000.00	
RETREAT	9,000.00	
DESIGNATED	<u>450.00</u>	
	\$19,450.00	
		<u>19,450.00</u>
	WORKING BAL.	\$32,452.30

DISBURSEMENTS

MILEAGE & MEALS	\$ 1,500.00	
RETREAT	18,000.00	
DISTRICT SIMINAR	1,000.00	
CPA	150.00	
PRINTING & POSTAGE	400.00	
PHONE	300.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	350.00	
BOOKKEEPING	370.00	
STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION		
GIFT	<u>1,000.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>23,070.00</u>
FOR 1998	\$23,070.00	
		1998 CLOSING BAL. \$ 9,382.30



Office of Stewardship Director Rev. Clarence Burton

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

115 Brook, Lebanon, Missouri 65536

Ph. 417-588-1521

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists - June 1997

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus:

With the Psalmist I say, "I will praise the Lord with my whole heart....The Lord is good and gracious!"

With Revocable Living Trusts, the Lord has blessed fourteen families and the local church; the State Association and Foreign Missions. May His blessings continue on this labor.

I am begining to phase-out my work in this ministry, and Bro. Jim Williams is begining to phase-in. During this process I will continue to help, with Bro. Jim working, as he has the time. This ministry needs your continued prayers. Always remember, the purpose and design of this labor is to help, our Free Will Baptist families, the local church, and, the State, and in some cases National Ministries.

My new address: Clarence Burton, 1805 Christopher,
West Plains, MO 65775

Sincerely in Christ,

Clarence Burton
Clarence Burton

Financial Report Jan 1, 1996 - December 31, 1996

Bal fwd: \$5,863.93

Receipts:

Bookstore \$6,300.00

C.D.'s Berkeley 6,257.12

Interest 136.23

Total \$12,693.35

Total + Bal Fwd 18,557.28

Disbursements:

Salary \$4,700.00

Trusts 1,800.00

Travel 1,706.10

Misc (Brochures 373.93

phone, paper, etc

Total \$8,580.03

Working Balance \$9,977.25

Proposed Budget 1998

Beginning Balance

\$12,177.25

Receipts:

Bookstore \$6,300.00

C.D. s Berkeley 6,300.00

Interest 137.00

Total

\$12,737.00

Total + Beg. Bal

\$24,914.00

Disbursements:

Salary \$5,200.00

Trusts 2,400.00

Travel 2,500.00

Misc 400.00

Total

\$10,500.00

Working Balance

\$14,414.00

Youth Ministries

June 1997

The ninth annual *State Youth Conference* was held November 22-23, 1996 at Windermere Baptist Assembly. Over 325 young people and youth workers attended. Les Christie was our featured guest. His powerful messages challenged our young people to "*Take The Stand*" for Christ. 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 21-22 at Windermere. We are still trying to confirm our speaker at this time. We're working with Barry St. Clair from Reach Out Ministries. Barry 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 music this year will be provided by *Four For Harmony*. Four guys who really love the Lord and have hearts for teenagers.

The *1997 Missouri State CTS Competition* was one of the largest ever. We had 171 entries from 18 churches competing at Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, MO. The Calvary Fellowship Church in Fenton, MO had the most entries (again) with 50. As usual, Missouri will be well represented at the National Youth Conference in Cincinnati, OH this July. We would like to see many more churches participating in the future.

We did our first "Regional Youth Worker's and Children's Ministry Workshop" in March. The Cuba Church and Pastor Rick Dablemont hosted the event. Approximately 60 people attended. Jeff Nichols did the Children's Ministry workshops while Curt Gwartney did the workshops for Youth Workers. The response we received was very positive! We want to continue to help, encourage and equip Youth Workers and Children's Workers. If this is something that your Youth Workers would be interested in, please let us know! We're talking to the Indian Creek Association about doing one in their area this Fall.

Kevin Scott resigned from our Board during the year. His job would not allow him to participate the way he felt he should. We appreciate Kevin's time of service on the Board.

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. Let us know how we can serve you better.

Sincerely,
Curt Gwartney, Chairman
David Brawley, Treasurer
Howard Anderson, Secretary
Lynn Davenport

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD
1997 Financial Report

Balance, December 31, 1995

\$ 8186.34

INCOME

Cooperative Receipts	\$ 10,270.05
CTS Fees	2,437.00
Designated Interest	599.43
Youth Conference Fees	11,548.10
T-Shirt Sales	<u>2,323.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$26,990.83

DISBURSEMENTS

Board Expenses

Food/Lodging	\$ 233.22
Mileage	1,386.31
Postage	65.05
Supplies	171.73
Telephone	<u>192.93</u>

Total Board Expenses

\$ 2,049.24

Competition

Facility Rental	\$ 605.00
Judges	2,890.82
NYC Fees	1,041.00
Publicity	195.24
Supplies	170.32
Trophies	<u>420.00</u>

Total Competition Expenses

\$ 5,322.38

Youth Conference

Facility Rental	\$ 9,591.00
Publicity	472.00
Speaker Expenses	1,575.00
Supplies	459.75
T-Shirts	2,051.25
Video Rentals	<u>30.62</u>

Total Youth Conference Expenses

\$14,179.62

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$21,551.24

Balance, December 31, 1996

13,625.93

YOUTH MINISTRIES BOARD
1998 Proposed Budget

Balance, December 31, 1996		\$ 13,625.93
Proposed 1997 Income		24,900.00
Proposed 1997 Disbursements		24,900.00
Projected Closing Balance		13,625.93
INCOME		
Cooperative Receipts	\$ 10,000.00	
CTS Fees	2,400.00	
Designated Interest	500.00	
Youth Conference Fees	10,000.00	
T-Shirt Sales	2,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME		\$24,900.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
Board Expenses		
Food/Lodging	\$ 500.00	
Mileage	1,500.00	
Postage	150.00	
Supplies	300.00	
Telephone	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Board Expenses		\$ 2,750.00
Competition		
Facility Rental	\$ 1,000.00	
Judges	2,900.00	
NYC Fees	1,100.00	
Publicity	300.00	
Supplies	200.00	
Trophies	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Competition Expenses		\$ 6,000.00
Youth Conference		
Facility Rental	\$ 9,000.00	
Publicity	500.00	
Speaker Expenses	2,700.00	
Supplies	200.00	
Video Rentals	50.00	
T-Shirts	<u>2,200.00</u>	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$ 14,650.00
Regional Workshop		
Speaker Fee	\$ 1,000.00	
Supplies	<u>500.00</u>	
Total Regional Workshop Expenses		\$ 1,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$24,950.00
 Balance, December 31, 1997		 \$13,625.93

CAMP NIANGUA



FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

Board Members

Rev. Ron Blanks
Rev. Russell Mc Daris
Rev. Gary Parker
Rev. Ken Reiter
Rev. Bob Thebeau

Superintendent

Rev. Ken Goff
HCR-83, Box 22
Niangua, Mo.
65713
(417) 473-6444

Grace and peace to our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Missouri State Youth Camp Board.

The 1996 camp session marked the 50th year of Missouri State Youth Camp and the Lord visited us with His presence. We are thankful to report that of a total registration of 1,267, 55 young people were saved and 67 rededicated their lives to the Lord, while 2 answered calls for special service. Our young people were challenged to give \$1,497 to help spread the gospel to a lost and dying world. They were also burdened for the Free Will Baptist work in Panama and have pledged to raise \$12,000 in the coming months to purchase and remodel a small church near Panama City called Nueva Esperanza (New Hope). Please pray for and support our youth in this great endeavor.

We are also happy to report that, at the close of camp session this year, we hope to make the final payment on the new boys bathroom which was constructed in 1994. Thank you for your support of this project.

Camp session dates for 1997:

Teen Camp	-	Group II June 8-13
Teen Camp	-	Group I June 15-20
Pre-teen Camp	-	Group I July 27-August 1
Pre-teen Camp	-	Group II August 3-8, 1997

Please continue to pray for, support and send your youth to Free Will Baptist Youth Camp.

Camp Board Members
Ron Blanks, chairman
Russell McDaris, secretary treasurer
Gary Parker
Bob Thebeau
Ken Reiter

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CAMP NIANGUA



FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

Board Members
 Rev. Ronnie Blanks
 Rev. Russell McDaris
 Rev. Gary Parker
 Rev. Ken Reiter
 Rev. Bob Thebeau

Financial Summary Camp Niangua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp January 1, 1996 thru December 31, 1996

Balance Brought Forward: (1/1/95)	\$ 7,391.73
Receipts:	
Interest & Ind.	\$ 1,274.47
Church & Asso.	\$ 6,956.65
Coop	\$ 37,366.88
Aux. & Book Store	\$ 2,852.39
Reimb. & Returns	\$ 1,728.00
Registration	\$ 42,161.00
Snack Center	\$ 10,851.40
Tapes & Recreation	\$ 686.50
AmeriVision	\$ 2,190.75
Loans & Missions	\$ 1,497.00
Craft & Laundry	\$ 1,571.00
Rentals	\$ 14,959.50
Total Receipts:	\$ 124,095.54
Total Working Balance:	\$ 131,487.27
Disbursements:	
Salary	\$ 14,591.00
Benefits	\$ 6,885.54
* Fed/State Taxes	\$ 5,893.38
Mileage	\$ 0.00
Telephone	\$ 1,260.32
Electric	\$ 7,798.46
Propane	\$ 406.37
Bld/Maint & Sup.	\$ 10,499.86
Reimb & Honor	\$ 8,105.69
First Aid	\$ 30.09
Kitchen (Food)	\$ 14,271.25
Kitchen (Supplies)	\$ 3,315.04
Snack Center	\$ 5,756.79
Loan Payment	\$ 14,190.52
Craft & Laundry	\$ 219.60
Missions	\$ 1,997.00
Play Gr & Pool	\$ 685.78
Fuel & Oil	\$ 945.37
Equip Pur & Rep	\$ 6,598.77
Gen Suppliment	\$ 800.00
Insurance	\$ 8,159.50
Extra Help	\$ 0.00
Print/Post & Lit	\$ 1,298.97
Account & Supplies	\$ 2,288.66
Board Expense	\$ 2,303.13
Misc.	\$ 2,458.77
Total Disbursements:	\$ 120,759.86
Ending Balance:	\$ 10,727.41

* Contains some taxes deducted from salaries.

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**FREE WILL BAPTIST
 YOUTH CAMP**

Board Members
 Rev. Ronnie Blanks
 Rev. Russell McDaris
 Rev. Gary Parker
 Rev. Ken Reiter
 Rev. Bob Thebeau

**Camp Niangua Free Will Baptist Youth Camp
 Proposed Budget for Period,
 January 1, thru December 31, 1998**

Closing Balance 1996	(Actual)	\$ 10,727.41
Receipts for 1997	(Proposed)	\$113,650.00
Disbursements 1997	(Proposed)	\$112,713.00
Ending Balance 1997	(Proposed)	\$ 11,664.41
Beginning Balance 1998	(Proposed)	\$ 11,664.41

Receipts:

Interest & Ind.	\$ 1,500.00
Church & Asso.	\$ 7,000.00
Coop	\$ 34,000.00
Aux. & Book Store	\$ 2,500.00
Reimb. & Returns	\$ 1,500.00
Registration	\$ 40,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 10,000.00
Tapes & Recreation	\$ 600.00
Rentals	\$ 14,000.00
Missions	\$ 1,200.00
Craft & Laundry	\$ 1,500.00
AmeriVision (Lifeline)	\$ 2,000.00

Total Receipts: \$ 115,800.00

Total Working Balance: \$ 127,464.41

Disbursements:

Salaries	\$ 24,513.00
Benefits	\$ 7,000.00
* Fed. State Taxes	\$ 6,500.00
Mileage	\$ 250.00
Telephone	\$ 1,500.00
Electric	\$ 8,000.00
Propane	\$ 500.00
Bld/Maint/Sup.	\$ 15,000.00
Reimb.	\$ 500.00
First Aid	\$ 250.00
Kitchen (Food)	\$ 15,000.00
Kitchen (Supplies)	\$ 2,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 6,000.00
Craft & Laundry	\$ 1,000.00
Missions	\$ 1,200.00
Play Gr. & Pool	\$ 2,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$ 1,100.00
Equip. Pur. & Rep.	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 8,500.00
Print/Post/Lit.	\$ 1,600.00
Account & Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
Board Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Summer Help	\$ 3,000.00
Misc.	\$ 3,000.00

Total Disbursement: \$ 119,113.00

Proposed Ending Balance: \$ 8,351.41

* Contains some taxes deducted from salaries

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

4881 E. UNIVERSITY AVENUE
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93703
(209) 251-4215

April 23, 1997

Dear Missouri Friends of CCC:

I pray that your State Convention will be a glorious time of rejoicing over the blessings of God; fellowshipping with the saints of God; challenges with the opportunities of God; and excitement with the future with God.

It has been eleven years since Helen and I left our beloved Missouri and moved to Fresno, California to serve as President of California Christian College and as pastor of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church. We left with a degree of fear and apprehension.

Well, God has blessed and we can report today that both CCC and Harmony Church are prospering. Free Will Baptists now have a stable Free Will Baptist Bible College on the West Coast. The future looks even brighter. Harmony Church is growing and we are now in our third building program.

Greg McAllister serves as Academic Dean; Helen is the bookkeeper; Linda Derby is Financial Aid Director, and we trust Wes and Glenda Bigelow will be coming with us as Dean of Students. The rest of the staff and faculty are all Californians. Forty percent of our faculty have a *Doctors* Degree and the rest have Masters Degrees in the subjects they teach.

Finally, CCC is doing well, thanks to people like those in Missouri who give to help. This truly is a mission point in our movement.

In February of 1998 we come up for accreditation. Pray for us and this endeavor. God bless you all.

In Christ,


Jim McAllister

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MISSOURI STATE WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION
Theme: "Mining For God's Riches"
Psalms 104:24

Tuesday Morning, June 3, 1997

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing the theme song, "He Owns the Cattle", led by Becky Gwartney. Prayer was given by Becky Stephens. Ann Philips gave the welcome and Reva Baker the response. Becky Gwartney told of tours available at the lead mine. Special music "Prayer Warrior" was given by Jean Gore

The President, Shirley Jackson, introduced Mary Holland, missionary to Brazil, who gave the morning devotion. Mary touched hearts as she used the theme "Mining For God's Riches" and told of experiences in her life that taught her what God's true riches are. She and husband, Curt, plan to return to Brazil June 30, 1997.

President, Shirley Jackson, called for the seating of 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. MSC to seat the delegates.

The following committees were appointed by the President: Finance, Registration, Credentials, and Appreciation. The chairman of each committee named a time and place for their committee to meet.

Greetings were given by the following missionaries and national offices: Carol and Jerry Pinkerton (Africa), Fred Warner (Foreign Missions Dept.), Alton Loveless (Randall House Publications), Traci Epps (Africa), Dale Cochran (Hannibal, MO), Gary Mitchener (Ozark, MO), and Debbie Beck (Moberly, MO). The session was dismissed.

Morning Worship Service

The worship service was begun by the congregation singing the theme song and "Count Your Blessings" led by Becky Gwartney. President, Shirley Jackson welcomed everyone to the morning worship service and Clarence Burton led in prayer. The offering was taken and will go to Curt and Mary Holland. A ladies trio from the Friendship Church gave the special music. WAC President, Shirley Jackson, introduced the speaker, Curt Holland, missionary to Brazil. He told many facts about mining and brought out scriptures on how we can relate the principals of mining to our spiritual lives. People are God's greatest riches! He told the quote "To know God's will is life's greatest treasure, to do God's will is life's greatest pleasure".

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 then special music "I Will Go" was sung by Curt and Becky Gwartney. Diana Anderson led in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Ginger Harrison, new missionary appointee to Ivory Coast. Ginger used 2 Cor. 4:7 to show that we are just an earthen vessel but we hold the treasure (Jesus Christ) within us.

The business session was called to order by President, Shirley Jackson. Ladies brought the pledges from their locals for the 10-20-10 campaign (Invest in God's Goldmine). The Missouri WNAC College Scholarship was presented by Becky Gwartney. \$500 was given to Susan Pattengill and \$250 to Jennifer Blanks.

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

The executive committee recommendations were given by Secretary, Kay Reiter. These recommendations are to be effective January 1998-December 1998. The projects we have now are to stay in effect the remainder of this year.

MSC to vote on these item by item.

#1. We recommend that the 1998 State Mission projects be as follows:

- a. Missouri "Show Me" Plan - \$3000
- b. Russell Johnson (Wyoming) - \$3000
- c. Hannibal Mission Church - \$2000
- d. WNAC - \$1000

#2. The morning offering and a \$100 honorarium be given to Curt and Mary Holland.

#3. That all District and Local WAC be encouraged to promote Missouri State Home Missions in February.

#4. That we send a representative of the executive board to the leadership conference in Nashville in December.

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
Barb Lee
Bonnie Maxwell

MSC to receive the report.

Finance Committee Report

We, the Finance Committee, have examined the Missouri State Treasurer's Report, and find them to be in order. We recommend that this report, along with the printed report, be accepted by the body.

Respectfully submitted,
Reva Baker, Chairman
Margaret Gill
Phyllis Maple

MSC to receive the report.

Registration Committee Report

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

27 standing delegates
23 elected delegates
39 visitors
6 foreign missionaries

for a total of 95 registered.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Gwartney, Chairman
Tammy Durbin
Janet Bailey

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
Louise McCully
Joan Epperson
Phyllis Maple
Margaret Gill
Becky Gwartney
Sharon Parker
Brenda Norris
Barb Cochran
Judith Ruble

Announcements were given by President, Shirley Jackson and a letter was read from Mary Wisehart and the staff at the WNAC offices in Nashville.

Appreciation Committee Report

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to submit the following report: We wish to thank Wanda Ragsdale, pianist; Jean Stevens, organist; and Becky Gwartney for leading the song service. We express our appreciation to all who provided specials.

We are very grateful for Mary Holland for her moving devotion and for Curt Holland bringing the inspiring morning message. We also appreciate Ginger Harrison and her challenge in the afternoon service. We are also thankful for Traci Epps and Carol and Jerry Pinkerton and their reports from Ivory Coast, as well as all the Home Missionaries sharing their reports with us.

We appreciate Bro. Fred Warner and Brother Alton Lovelace for taking their time to share ministry reports and last but not least, we want to thank all our fine Christian sisters in the St. Francois District Association for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Ruble, Chairman
Diana Anderson
Debbie Beck

MSC to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee Report

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following recommendations for 1998-99 State Officers:

President- Shirley Jackson
Vice President- Judith Ruble
Secretary- Kay Reiter
Treasurer- Reva Baker
Field Worker- Debbie Beck
Member at Large- Betty Robinson
Member at Large- Diana Anderson
Member at Large- Barb Lee
Member at Large- Linda Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Skiles, Chairman
Barb Lee
Debbie Beck
Peggy Ryder
Barbara Harwell
Betty Crutcher
Debbie Webster
Phyllis Virtue

MSC to receive the report and to proceed to elect by acclamation.

An instillation service written by Betty Reeves followed the election of new officers. Mining gear was used to relate to each lady's duties.

President, Shirley Jackson, gave the following information about the upcoming retreats:

#1. The Woman's Retreat will be August 15-16, 1997, at Stonecroft Conference Center near Branson, Missouri. Our special guest speaker will be Dee Brestin. The Woman's Retreat Project is to bring money or pledge to help Ginger Harrison get personal items needed for the mission field.

#2. The National Retreat will be in Gloretta, New Mexico.

The convention was dismissed in prayer.



HILLSDALE HAPPENINGS

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New President Elected

The Hillsdale Board of Trustees elected Rev. Carl Cheshier as President in their May meeting. Rev. Cheshier has served the Cavanaugh Free Will Baptist Church in Ft. Smith, Arkansas for nearly thirty years. Carl has served the Free Will Baptist Association in various capacities at local district, state, and national levels. It is notable that President Cheshier is past Moderator of the Arkansas State Association and current Moderator for the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

President Cheshier will be the featured speaker at the Tuesday Friends of Hillsdale luncheon in Cincinnati, Ohio this July. He will assume his duties August 1, 1997.

1996-1997 Enrollment Report

As a general rule, enrollment on college campuses declines in the spring. With the addition of 44 new students this semester, Hillsdale has broken that rule! For only the second time in the history of the College, spring enrollment has exceeded fall enrollment. The statistics for this year are as follows:

Enrollment Fall 1996	117
Enrollment Spring 1997	150
Unduplicated Enrollment for the year	161

The cumulative enrollment for the year represents students from 10 states and 5 foreign countries as follows:

Alabama	1
Arkansas	10
Arizona	1
California	3
Georgia	1
Illinois	2
Kansas	2
Missouri	11
Oklahoma	112
Tennessee	1
Texas	9
International Students	8
Total Enrollment	161

The rebound in the Spring includes over 10 full-time students who will be eligible to return in the Fall semester of 1997. *Students are our greatest asset!*

If you know of a prospective student call 405-912-9005 to give us the student's name, phone number, and address.

HILLSDALE'S NEW PHONE NUMBER:

405-912-9000

FAX: 405-912-9050

Lady Saints Win the National Bible College Athletic Association Basketball Tournament!

The Saints Basketball Teams represented the College well in the national tournament this March. Both the men's and women's teams made the championship game. The men for NBCCA Division II and the Lady Saints in the Women's Division. The men took the final shot at the buzzer to tie, the shot was missed, and the Saints lost by two points.

The Lady Saints were behind at half-time, but came out after the break and won going away. This is remarkable when you consider that the team played three games in three days with only six players. The Team consisted of: Julie Blackard, Emily Cook, Jamie Day, Shelley McCammon, Kristie Sinclair, and Mecynda Smith. Coach Kelly Archer was assisted by Coach Autumn Drake. This is the second straight year Archer has coached the championship team. Last year the Men won Division II; this year the Women won!

Board of Retirement National Association of Free Will Baptists



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Greetings from the Board of Retirement:

Remember our childhood fantasies? We played church with plank pews and a box pulpit taking turns leading the singing, taking up the offering and preaching. It is amusing to remember some of the "characteristics" of the adults we mimicked.

Many of us grew to become adults filling these actual rolls. When our make believe world is replaced by the real thing it often reveals some harsh realities. A life time of godly service is not always followed by an easy, adequately funded retirement.

The purpose of the Board of Retirement is to avoid the shock, disappointment and potential bitterness workers of the church face when retirement needs are confronted without planning or adequate provision. Our goal is to call both pastor and church to make early plans and funding possible.

With your help we had a great year in 1996. We enrolled 73 new participants, credited earnings of 9.5% on June 30 and 14.5% on December 31 for an annualized return of 12.34%.

Georgia began helping their pastors with retirement. (Missouri, Arkansas and Florida also provide state contributions for qualifying individuals.) Other states are considering implementing their own plans to join these four. Call our office for suggestions or help.

Helping churches and church workers prepare this retirement stage of life is the purpose of the Board of Retirement. May we provide our services to you and your church?

Sincerely,

William W. Evans
Director



National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

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Greetings from the Executive Office:

The 1997 Denominational Digest gives a snapshot of the services provided by the agencies of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc. Please take time to peruse these pages, prepared especially for you.

The 1997 Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference will meet December 1-2, 1997 at the Regal Maxwell House Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. We encourage state/district leaders and interested pastors to attend.

We encourage local church, district and state association clerks to take the time necessary to fill out the National Association's reporting forms—501, 502, 503 and 504. These forms are carefully designed to report denominational data which enables us to compile an accurate statistical table. The reporting forms are supplied at no cost and may be ordered from the Executive Office.

The International Fellowship of Free Will Baptist Churches, Inc., is scheduled to meet October 12-16, 1998, in Uruguay. The Executive Committee of the General Assembly met January 4-10, 1997, in Miami, Florida, to plan the meeting.

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

The *Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*, has been revised and reprinted. The *Treatise* may be ordered from Randall House Publications.

The Together Way Plan gifts for the Executive Office ministry in 1996 totaled \$320,333.19. Of this amount, \$206,667.60 was Cooperative and \$113,665.59 Designated. The 1996 Executive Office budget totaled \$350,000.04. The office had a budget shortfall of \$29,666.85 in 1996. Thank you for your systematic and sacrificial support of the Executive Office ministry.

The Rest of the Family Offering totaled \$9,810.04 in 1996. After expenses, the balance was disbursed to participating national agencies. September 28, 1997, has been designated as Rest of the Family Sunday. We encourage you to give generously in this offering.

Contact provides inspiration, information and insight regarding denominational life. Subscriptions are \$12 per year. We offer a life-time subscription for \$500. Life-time subscribers receive a leather-bound copy of *The Free Will Baptist Hymn Book: Rejoice* (1988). A limited number are available, so subscribe today. We encourage churches to subscribe for their pastor or minister of music. Specify round or shaped note edition. Complimentary copies of *Contact* are provided during the school year for students at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College, California Christian College and Southeastern Free Will Baptist College.

Capital Stewardship/Victory Campaign contributions through December 1996 totaled \$277,014.49. Gifts for this campaign will be credited through December 1997. This allows states/districts to reach their campaign goals, while coinciding with the final payment on the Murfreesboro Road property.

Gifts for national ministries in 1996 totaled \$9,687,919.11. Together Way Plan gifts totaled \$2,485,943.08 in 1996. Of this amount, \$375,760.11 was Cooperative, and \$2,110,182.97 Designated. Per capita giving was \$45.33; our goal was \$44.21.

The Together Way Plan stewardship notebook and new brochure, *Stewards On Task*, may be ordered at no charge from the Executive Office.

The Theme for the national convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, is *Church Aflame*. Speakers include: Robert Prichard (OH), Matt Upton (CA), Earl Hendrix (SC), Melvin Worthington (TN), Jerry Norris (MO), Ronnie Adkins (TN), Richard Atwood (DE) and Connie Cariker (OK).

We appreciate the support you gave the national agencies in 1996. We rejoice in God's faithfulness through you.

Rejoicing and Resting in the Redeemer, Your Servant,

Melvin Worthington, Th.D., CMP
Executive Secretary

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Missouri Students 1996-97

STUDENT	HOME CITY	HOME CHURCH
Jennifer Blanks	West Plains	West Plains First FWB
Justin Bradley	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove First FWB
Jeffrey Cates	West Plains	West Plains First FWB
Anna Crewse	Fordland	Fordland FWB
Michele Dalton	Farmington	Farmington First FWB
Philip Day	Conway	Lebanon First FWB
Micah J. Derby	Fenton	Calvary Fellowship FWB
Thadaeus Fry	Mountain Grove	Mountain Grove First FWB
Jimmy Holder	Liberal	Verdella FWB
Karen Hook	Blue Springs	Blue Springs FWB
Carla Huff	Springfield	Grant Avenue FWB
Jennifer Koester	Park Hills	Fellowship FWB
Steven Koester	Park Hills	Fellowship FWB
Amy Lotz	Bonne Terre	Desoto FWB
Laura Sides	Millersville	Old Bethel FWB
Melissa Sloan	Bonne Terre	Park Hills First FWB
Darla Swanguarim	Bixby	
Melayne Vincent	Lebanon	Lebanon FWB
Michelle Wallace	Park Hills	Farmington FWB

FWBIBC Events Calendar —

Fall Semester Opening Service August 25, 1997
 Fall Welcome Days November 13-15, 1997
 First Semester Ends December 19, 1997
 Spring Semester Opening Service January 6, 1998
 Spring Welcome Days March 26-28, 1998
 Baccalaureate Service (7:00 p.m.) May 10, 1998
 Commencement (10:00 am) May 14, 1998

FWBBC is now on the *Internet*...

Website: www.fwbbs.edu

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Tim Campbell	Director of Alumni Affairs	tim-c@fwbbs.edu
Kenny Simpson	Director of Recruitment	ksimpson@fwbbs.edu
Charles Hampton	Director of Admissions	charleh@fwbbs.edu

(E-mail addresses of other College personnel may be accessed through the website.)

Thank you...

Thank you for your faithful support. Missouri gave \$ 31,954.96 to help underwrite Bible-based education of some of God's finest young people. (This amount includes general fund gifts received by the Bible College from June 1, 1996 through May 20, 1997.)

Accreditation...

Free Will Baptist Bible College has been accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges since 1958. We received regional accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December 1996. This was done purely for the benefit of our students. (Please pick up one of our brochures explaining the purpose and benefits our students will receive as a result of this additional accreditation.)

Step Two -- Developing the Land...

Another step is being taken toward the college's relocation to its' new campus. We are opening the entrance area and building the main road through the campus. An "Open Air Chapel" will also be constructed in the center courtyard of the new campus site. A brochure is available giving more details.

Summer Ministry...

Several young men will be working in local churches, this summer, performing various kinds of ministries including serving as summer interns. Twenty-one students will be ministering in Russia, Ivory Coast (Africa), Spain, and China during the summer.

Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive...

December has been designated as Free Will Baptist Bible College month through our Together Way plan. Please do something special to help our Foreign Missions "Laura Belle Barnard Offering" in April, our Rest of the Family ministries in September, our Home Mission's "Benjamin Randall Day" in November and Free Will Baptist Bible College's "Paul Ketteman Memorial Christmas Drive" in December.

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Annual Report 1996-97

Enrollment.....364

ENROLLMENT BREAKDOWNS

By State

Alabama	25	Maryland	1	Tennessee	73
Arkansas	13	Michigan	9	Texas	3
Arizona	2	Mississippi	7	Virginia	13
California	2	<i>Missouri</i>	<i>19</i>	Washington	2
Colorado	2	Nebraska	1	West Virginia	4
Florida	15	New Mexico	3		
Georgia	16	North Carolina	21	Virgin Islands	1
Illinois	47	Ohio	13	*Foreign	20
Indiana	13	Oklahoma	11		
Kentucky	13	Pennsylvania	1		
Louisiana	1	South Carolina	10		
		South Dakota	3		

(The student body represents 28 states, Virgin Islands, and 9 foreign countries.)

By Classification

Freshmen	112	Juniors	78
Sophomores	100	Seniors	63
Special.....	11		

Others

Male.....	197	Ministerial	67
Female.....	167	Missionary	76
New.....	124	Single	306
Returning.....	240	Married	58

*FOREIGN

Brazil.....	2
Canada.....	10
France	1
Korea	1
Pakistan	1
Panama	2
Romania.....	1
Russia.....	1
Spain	1



June 1997

Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists
c/o Clerk Robert Wagner
2259 Highway 00
Fredericktown, MO 63645

Dear Fellow-senders:

The Lord of the harvest continues to bless the ministry of Free Will Baptists around the world. Because of your faithfulness in prayer and giving, souls are being saved, lives are being changed, and churches are being planted.

In 1996 gifts from the State of Missouri totaled \$347,457.77. We do praise God for your faithfulness!

Several Missouri churches gave over \$5,000. Below are the top 10 in giving to foreign missions in 1996:

Verdella, Liberal	\$18,474.80
Central, Grandview	15,152.67
Hannon, Liberal	14,661.46
Macedonia, Purdy	10,682.50
Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	9,809.65
First, Monett	9,758.50
Trinity, Bridgeton	9,322.52
Grant Avenue, Springfield	6,537.42
First, Farmington	5,692.67
Freeman Chapel, Stewartsville	5,676.95

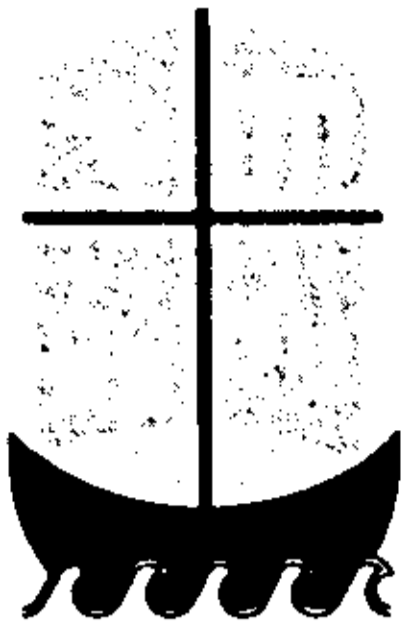
On behalf of Missouri missionaries I want to thank the State Association for instituting the Missouri "Show Me" Plan of Support. This program will enable your missionaries to focus more on ministry.

Another important aspect of our foreign missions effort is the Laura Belle Barnard offering which is received annually under The Together Way Plan. The purpose of this offering is to undergird stateside ministries provided in behalf of our missionaries. Please mark Sunday, April 26, on your 1998 calendar. I hope all the churches in Missouri will give a generous offering on that day.

In His service,


Fred Warner

Director of Stateside Ministries



Home Missions Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptists

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June 1997

Greetings from the National Home Missions Department to the **Missouri State Association**. I trust that your meeting will be a time of spiritual refreshing and great fellowship with unity and harmony as you conduct God's business as it relates to your work.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts to National Home Missions and our home missionaries. *Last year Missouri gave \$171,446.95* for which we are extremely grateful. Your state has also given \$39,297.97 this year (as of May 15th.) Listed below are the top ten churches giving in 1996:

DeSoto First FWB Church	\$7,244.50	Bob Thebeau
United FWB Church	7,173.75	Dennis McGinley
Macedonia FWB Church	6,820.48	Lee Neill
Joplin First FWB Church	6,367.74	Richard Robinson
West Plains First FWB Ch.	4,173.60	Donnie Morris
Monett First FWB Church	3,311.90	Doug Bounous
Grant Avenue FWB Church	3,117.46	David Huett
O'Fallon First FWB Church	2,869.21	Rick Dement
Leadington FWB Church	2,676.00	Vernon Long
Grace FWB Church	2,264.50	Glen Rehkop

Thank you! May God bless you as you labor in your mission field.

In His service,

Trymon Messer
General Director

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Dear Brothers:

Last year was a tremendous year for the Foundation. There was an increase in the number of individuals, churches, district associations, state and national ministries who came to us for help in the management of funds to maximize returns safely.

Funds managed under various agreements increased significantly during the year.

Gift Annuities - up	53,784.00
Special Trusts - up	653,618.00
Revocable Trusts - up	839,679.00
Misc. agreements - up	<u>109,969.00</u>
TOTAL '96 increase -	\$1,657,050.00

By using our services you enable us to pay the cost of operation with no increase in gift income. Together we can continue to increase our service and operation.

You responded well to the services of our field man, Frank Giunta, who began work last year. He remains available to help our ministries and families use deferred gifts arrangements. He may be contacted through the Foundation office or call his local office at 1-573-335-6240 directly.

The Foundation focuses on stewardship by individuals during life and at death. This allows us to address both lifetime needs of individuals and the transfer opportunities that maximize benefits to heirs and ministry.

May God continue to bless your work as we labor together.

Sincerely

William W. Evans
Director



Randall House Publications

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TRAINING REPORT

Missouri delegates:

I am glad I can report that we have shown a profit and growth. We have seen an incredible turnaround and are ahead of our pay back schedule. Since last year's report to you, we have paid off the indebtedness to the First America Bank that we had borrowed to pay off the Board of Retirement bill, saving us about \$25,000 in interest. Secondly, we paid off the new press 41 months in advance, along with a \$50,000 balloon note which saved us over \$75,000 in interest. At that time, I put into effect a rapid debt reduction plan to pay off our building. This will save us \$94,800 in interest and will be paid off by December of 1998. This will allow us to be completely debt free at that time. (It would not have been paid off until April of 2008). **THE LORD HAS ALLOWED ALL THIS WITHOUT ANY PRICE INCREASES!**

We have installed a new computer software program called IRT that will link all our departments giving all our people access to information from our main system. It will allow us to retrieve information here-to-fore not available to us.

We now have a number of pages on Internet. Our address is www.randallhouse.com. Our first request was from Joseph Ang from Singapore.

A number of times I thought I had God's man for our Sunday School Growth Director. Each time they felt it was God's will to not accept the role. Continue to pray that His man will surface.

Our Spanish curriculum is now complete and our new Spanish catalog is being mailed to over 6,000 Hispanic churches. Lucy Hyman, our Spanish editor, had a booth at the Spanish EXPO in Miami introducing us to this new market.

Another great milestone was the last of our regular quarterly periodicals, *Lifeline*, was printed in full color. We mailed samples to every church and pastor at its introduction.

Due to the increased demands on our Editorial/Graphic Arts Department, we hired additional help to aid in the production and revision of our material. The load of this department has increased greatly. We purchased a PC PowerMac for James Forlines so we could link with him over the Internet to try to speed up receiving and correcting the Teen material.

The Master's Men from Goodlettsville Free Will Baptist church completely covered our roof with a sealant to both protect and repair it. They did it for a \$1,000.00 donation. Bids by contractors for this job was low bided at \$16,000.00.

We have installed new carpet, remodeled our offices, and carpeted the entrance of the bookstore since the last National Convention.

Randall Bookstore promoted and hosted a workshop that had around 350 from 47 churches representing 29 denominations. Many of our other staff members aided the store in making this a success.

The National Youth Convention, Truth & Peace, Youth Evangelistic Team, and the Youth Workers Retreats continue to grow. The Youth Ministry *Online* now has 1200 youth workers on its mailing list and the fund-raising program is progressing.

We are happy and appreciate all of you who allow us to serve you. Your response to Randall House products continues to grow. Our last 5 quarters have shown increases in unit sales. Praise the Lord! Thank you for your loyalty.

It is a pleasure to serve the Lord, to work with the fine staff at Randall House, and to serve our denomination.

Your brother and friend,



Alton Loveless

Report to the Missouri State Association

In 1939, when "Free Will Baptist Orphanage" 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. 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** - 5 long-term houses (for boys & girls)

***The P.A.T.H. Shelter** - 1 short-term house (for boys)

***The Stanley Foster Care Program** - placements of children in homes off-campus

***The OAKS Family Conference Center and Camp** - youth camps, special retreats and conferences, etc.

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.



TWO IMPORTANT DATES

May There is still time to contribute to our Annual Mother's Day Offering - Each year we encourage churches and individuals to participate in this special appeal for our P.A.T.H. Shelter. This one short-term home on campus serves scores of children each year, providing each with a safe, loving environment. Each child has the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly explained to them whether they stay with us a day or a month. Please, consider what God might have you contribute towards this offering in May.

October 18 - You are invited on this day to attend our annual Homecoming Celebration. We'll present a program with a special speaker and serve you a delicious lunch. This is a time of great rejoicing for us as we fellowship with friends and testify to God's blessings upon this ministry.

PLEASE, MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT DATES. THANK YOU!

Prayer Focus

The most important thing you can do for this ministry is to pray. We hope you will use this list of prayer requests during your daily devotions.

First of all, pray for our **children**. Kids that have come from abusive backgrounds have special needs. Here are just a few of these needs:

♦*Low self-esteem* as a result of someone in their life abusing them verbally (i.e. you are stupid, you're no good, etc.) Pray for their emotional well-being.

♦*Fear* has become "normal" for a lot of children who have grown up being slapped around or harmed in some other physical way. Pray that God will replace fear with peace.

♦*Goals disappear.* Some children have had to concentrate only on today. They've had to wonder "where is my next meal coming from?" "who will care for me?" "where will I sleep tonight?" As a result, they have stopped dreaming about what they will become when they grow up. Optimistic planning for their future just doesn't exist anymore. Pray that they will regain a sense of hope concerning the days ahead.

♦*Bruises, burns, and broken bones* are not uncommon to find with our children. Literally, their physical health has been threatened. Pray that their health will improve now that they are at FWBFM.

♦*Most importantly*, as with every human being, their greatest need is a spiritual one. Pray that each child will come to know Christ as Savior.

Please remember our staff as well. We need *wisdom* each day. Several of our staff have physical problems. Pray that *good health* will soon return.

Pray for our *Executive Director*, Roger Hood, and all our *Board Members*, as they make decisions concerning this child-care ministry.

Pray that the *financial support* for FWBFM will continue to grow as the ministry grows. It takes a lot of money to care for so many children, but the worth of a child's soul is priceless.

"Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

What are the priorities of this child-care ministry?

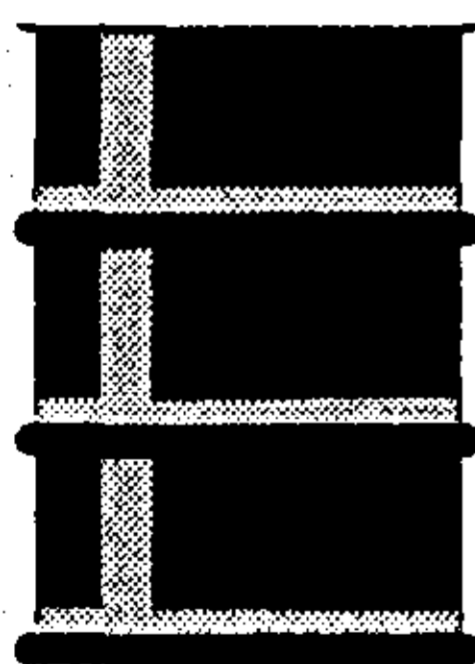
- ▶ To maintain a Christian family atmosphere where each child can feel safe, loved and accepted.
- ▶ To present the love of Christ in word and in deed, in hopes that each child will accept Christ as Lord and Savior.
- ▶ To counsel each child with their particular needs, including learning to put the past in it's proper perspective and gaining a new optimism for the future.
- ▶ To teach the Word of God as the rule for a successful Christian life.
- ▶ To make every administrative and household decision based upon what is in the best interest of each individual child.
- ▶ To encourage each child to fulfill God's will for his life concerning school, college, marriage, occupation, etc.
- ▶ To teach each child the importance of becoming good citizens in their community.
- ▶ To stress the fact that they will become role models for other children to follow.



NEEDED: LABELS!

We are able to redeem *soup labels* for educational and recreational items. So, instead of throwing those labels away with the cans after your meals, please, cut away the labels and send them to us.

Product labels we can use include:



Campbell's
Franco American
Swanson
Pepperidge Farm
Prego,
Marie's
V8
Pace
Vlasic

For more information, call Eric or Laressa at the number listed below. Thank you!

Building for Their Future Capital Campaign

Through the years, we have grown in an effort to meet the ever-increasing needs of children in crisis situations. Because of.....

- *the escalating costs to provide emergency care and
- *this growing number of children in need, *expansion is now imperative.*

Current facilities are simply inadequate to handle the volume of requests for emergency placement. The demand is constantly increasing. In 1996, we had to turn away over 700 children due to lack of space.

Funds raised by this campaign will allow FWBFM to provide for many more children who are victims of domestic violence abuse and /or neglect.

Expansion is expensive until you consider the importance of reaching a child with God's everlasting love.

Specifically, the goals of the capital campaign and the use of the funds are as follows:

Renovation of existing shelter into a long-term home - - - - -	\$150,000
Building a male shelter - - - - -	\$200,000
Building a female shelter plus a nursery -	\$200,000
Maintenance endowment fund (only interest will be used) to provide for the <u>ongoing</u> maintenance of these new facilities - - - - -	\$450,000
TOTAL:	\$1,000,000

Prayerfully consider what impact you can have in the life of a child through regular financial contributions. You can actually be a missionary to the child through your generosity.

A pledge (*of any amount*) towards this expansion can be made over a period of 3 to 5 years.

For more information, or to send in a donation, write us at the address below. We'll be glad to answer your questions concerning this **Building for *Their* Future Capital Campaign.**

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Women Nationally Active for Christ

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1997

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Greetings from the WNAC office staff:

Mary R. Wischart, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Yvonne W. Hampton, Executive Assistant
Martha Harris, Bookkeeper
Suzanne Franks, Editor

"Expanding Knowledge" is the WNAC theme for 1997. The emphasis is on study and acquiring knowledge that will make us better servants and witnesses for Christ.

Our 1996 reports showed 7,319 dues paying members and 685 local groups from 20 state conventions, 4 district conventions, and 3 local groups. The reports also showed 15 Actionette groups with 98 members in 6 states. In 1996 women gave \$111,055.37 to support the national office, including dues. The women gave through WNAC \$329,806.16 to designated causes. Designations include Home and Foreign Missions, colleges, children's homes and various mission objectives.

In 1996 WNAC had 56 requests from new or reorganizing women's groups.

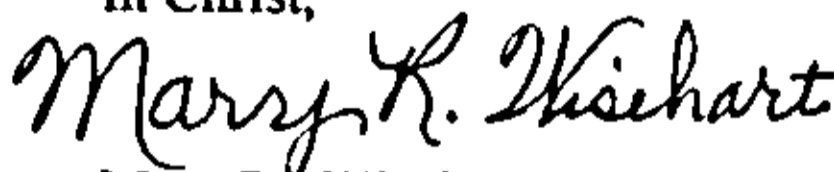
Magazine subscriptions for 1997 are at about the 12,000 mark.

The Glorieta Retreat is scheduled for October 10-12, 1997 at the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, New Mexico. The Ridgecrest Retreat is scheduled for September 24-26, 1998.

WNAC now has access to the Internet and you may reach us by E-mail at WNAC@nafwb.org.

God has wonderfully blessed and answered prayers for WNAC women through the years. We can be assured of His continued blessings as we follow His directions for our service.

In Christ,



Mary R. Wischart
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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1997
MISSOURI
ROLL CALL
SUNDAY
REPORT

Missouri Board of Christian Education

1997 Roll Call Sunday Report

Dear Missouri Free Will Baptists:

We want to thank the 179 churches and their pastors, superintendents, clerks and secretaries who reported a 1997 Roll Call Sunday attendance of 15,701. This represents a 19.68% increase over the 1996 Roll Call figures.

The churches were divided into categories based on their 1996 Roll Call Sunday Attendance. We are honoring the churches with the largest percentage of increase in their Roll Call Sunday attendance from 1996 to 1997 in each category. Each of these churches will be receiving a plaque to commemorate this achievement. On the following pages you will find these churches along with the Top Fifteen in Roll Call Sunday Attendance, the Top Fifteen in 1996 Sunday School Average Attendance, and the Top Fifteen churches in number saved in 1996.

Missouri churches reported a total of 23 saved on Roll Call Sunday. This is a slight decrease in the number saved on Roll Call Sunday, 1996. Our churches also reported a total of 814 saved in 1996. We are confident that more were saved but not reported. Many churches do not keep accurate records of the number saved. (Perhaps it would be better if the Home Missions Department asked for the number of baptisms rather than the number saved.)

Our Missouri Sunday Schools averaged 8,994. This represented an average attendance of 50.2 per church. The average per church is down slightly because we have more churches.

We apologize if your statistics were either left out or in error. Some cards were received late. Our mailing data could have been in error. Of course, the human factor is always a possibility. You know, GIGO!

1997 Missouri Roll Call Sunday Churches					
Category	Roll Call Church	Pastor	1996	1997	Growth
1 - 24	1 Faith & Hope; Willow Springs	Hubert Darter	15	61	306.67%
	2 New Testament; Neosho	Mike Rhodes	22	76	245.45
25 - 49	1 Wildemess; Fremont	Wayne Lunyou	46	124	170.00%
	2 Faith Chapel	James Ray	39	88	125.64%
50 - 99	1 Lebanon First	Ken Haney	53	202	281.13%
	2 Carthage	Jim Williams	80	182	127.50%
100 - 149	1 Ozark First	Gary Mitchener	107	223	108.41%
	2 Calvary Chapel; Buffalo	Doug Earls	138	265	92.03%
150 - 199	1 Hurryville; Park Hills	Ronald Graham	151	212	40.40%
	2 Gospel Light; Bonne Terre	Larry Allison	180	227	26.11%
200+	1 DeSoto First	Bob Thebeau	240	328	36.67%
	2 Mountain Grove First	Gary Fry	268	365	36.19%

Top 15 Churches in Number Saved in 1996			
Pos.	Church	Pastor	# Saved
1	Farmington First	Roger Hogan	48
2	United, West Plains	Glenn Murray	43
3	Faith, Oak Grove	Michael Sanstra	34
4	Potosi First	Don Strauser	32
5	Carthage	Jim Williams	28
	Cuba First	Rick Dablemont	26
	DeSoto First	Bob Thebeau	26
8	Hannibal	Dale Cochran	25
9	Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	Larry Allison	24
10	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	Jerry Norris	23
	Olivet, Marshall	Cliff Bowman	23
	Thayer	Cody Freeman	23
13	Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	Doug Earls	20
	Cross Roads	Craig Perry	20
15	Fourth, St. Louis	John Rhodes	19

Top 15 in Roll Call Sunday Attendance			
POS.	CHURCH	PASTOR	ATT.
1	United Church, West Plains	Glenn Murray	420
2	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	Jerry Norris	399
3	Farmington First	Roger Hogan	392
4	Mountain Grove First	Gary Fry	365
5	DeSoto First	Bob Thebeau	328
6	Thayer	Cody Freeman	317
7	Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	Doug Earls	285
8	Fellowship, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	251
9	Springfield First	Gene Howell	250
10	Cuba First	Rick Dablemont	247
11	Park Hills First	Ken Dodson	232
12	Gospel Light, Bonne Terre	Larry Allison	227
13	Ozark First	Gary Mitchener	223
14	Hurryville, Park Hills	Ronald Graham	212
15	Lebanon First	Ken Haney	202
Top 15 in 1996 S. S. Average Attendance			
Pos.	Church	Pastor	Att.
1	Farmington First	Roger Hogan	293
2	United, West Plains	Glenn Murray	269
3	Calvary Fellowship, Fenton	Jerry Norris	208
4	Mountain Grove First	Gary Fry	185
5	DeSoto First	Bob Thebeau	178
6	Fellowship, Park Hills	Wayne Phillips	170
7	Thayer	Cody Freeman	151
8	Grace, Arnold	Glen Rehkop	126
9	Grant Avenue, Springfield	David Huett	120
10	Calvary Chapel, Buffalo	Doug Earls	118
11	Cuba First	Rick Dablemon	116
	Hannon	George Nauman	116
13	Hartville	Melvin Moon	115
14	West Plains First	Ronnie Blanks	113
15	Olivet, Marshall	Cliff Bowman	111

	Sunday School Attendance					Roll Call Attendance				Saved	Num.
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1995	1996	1997	+/-% Growth	3/30 1997	Saved 1996
BOOTHEEL											
Cape Girardeau 1st	92	97	97	97	85	182	69	115	40%	0	10
East Prairie	35	35	23	23	23	32	38	38	0%	0	0
Heritage	40	35	35	35	35	40	49	49	0%	0	0
Liberty	18	18	11	11	11	18	23	23	0%	0	0
Scott City First	40	40	40	40	30	35	38	27	-29%	2	12
TOTALS	225	225	206	206	184	307	202	263	29%	2	22
CAVE SPRINGS											
Alton	48	55	50	50	50	43	43	43	0%	0	0
Bailey Chapel	38	35	40	32	44	36	27	44	63%	0	4
Byrd	30	30	30	35	35	37	41	41	0%	0	7
Cave Springs								37		0	0
Clifton	33	40	40	35	35	41	38	60	58%	0	7
Cotton Creek	26	30	29	31	61	30	46	30	-34%	0	1
Faith Chapel	34	32	32	32	33	39	39	88	126%	0	6
Garfield	24	24	24	17	17	19	20	20	0%	0	0
Koshkonong	25	25	30	25	27	22	36	54	50%	0	4
Liberty	9	12	15	15	23	17	17	43	153%	0	0
Lingo	35	15	12	15	20	15	15	36	140%	0	2
Mt. Zion	25	29	35	25	25	31	33	33	0%	0	0
Myrtle	34	25	33	38	32	41	35	68	94%	0	6
Norman	13	25	27	27	27	25	25	25	0%	0	0
Piney	22	19	17	17	16	11	11	20	82%	0	1
Pleasant Hill	25	27	32	35	32	39	46	58	26%	0	4
Pleasant Ridge	10	12	15	15	9	12	12	11	-8%	0	0
Royal Oak	22	22	14	14	12	21	17	14	-17%	0	0
Shiloh	20	17	19	19	19	24	24	24	0%	0	0
Smyrna	23	26	30	29	29	42	50	28	-44%	2	4
Thayer	125	124	130	142	151	212	259	317	22%	0	23
United	181	202	218	250	269	418	310	420	35%	1	43
Victory	30	45	40	40	40	57	57	57	0%	0	0
Walnut Grove	21	21	18	20	20	23	25	25	0%	0	1
West Plains	119	120	123	121	113	153	172	156	-9%	0	3
Wilderness	40	45	43	43	73	46	48	124	170%	0	12
TOTALS	1,012	1,057	1,097	1,122	1,212	1,452	1,444	1,792	24%	3	128
CENTRAL WESTERN											
Bethel	58	55	59	60	55	80	79	97	23%	0	2
Greenfield First	22	18	18	15	15	21	20	20	0%	0	0
Hannon	90	80	80	100	116	102	124	181	30%	0	4
Hickory Grove	8	8	8	8	8	6	8	8	0%	0	0

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1995	1996	1997	I-% Growth	3/30 1997	Saved 1996
Oskaloosa	13	10	12	18	18	22	20	20	0%	0	
Stockton	14	13	15	13	15	18	24	36	50%	0	2
Verdella	67	67	72	70	78	80	85	127	49%	0	6
TOTALS	272	251	264	284	305	329	360	469	30%	0	14
GREATER KANSAS CITY											
Beacon	102	90	97	105	105	163	128	190	48%	2	17
Bellon	57	57	57	41	44	88	72	75	4%	0	3
Berean	6	6	6	6	6	11	11	11	0%	0	0
Blue Springs	35	49	49	38	18	72	28	63	125%	0	3
Central	93	93	93	72	72	108	95	95	0%	0	4
Faith	69	69	69	27	38	40	83	137	65%	0	34
Harmony	73	72	72	46	40	72	81	114	41%	1	6
Heartland				56	56		97	97	0%	0	
Olivet	105	119	101	116	111	131	137	172	26%	0	23
Parkway			47	57	57	58	123	123	0%	0	0
Victory	72	72	71	66	66	114	90	90	0%	0	0
TOTALS	612	627	660	630	613	855	945	1167	23%	3	90
GREATER SPRINGFIELD											
Calvary Chapel	69	74	74	91	118	114	138	265	92%	0	20
Eastern Gale	50	50	40	37	37	60	37	37	0%	0	0
Fordland	56	50	51	54	56	89	95	124	31%	0	3
Friendship	40	40	55	65	65	182	148	148	0%	0	0
Grant Avenue	126	129	129	120	120	154	171	200	17%	0	0
Lebanon First	100	88	111	111	80	137	53	202	281%	0	7
Lebanon					49			96			
Marshfield	30	39	40	40	40	64	60	60	0%	0	10
North Five			25	35	35	51	36	38	0%	0	4
Ozark First		39	58	80	86	112	107	223	108%	0	12
Republic		35	35	32	37	45	73	69	-5%	0	13
South Fremont	82	79	71	72	78	103	95	92	-3%	0	8
Springfield	24	25	21	13	13	41	29	33	14%	0	0
TOTALS	577	648	710	749	814	1,152	1,042	1,585	52%	0	77

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									Growth	1997	1996
INDIAN CREEK											
Carthage	65	69	69	67	69	98	80	182	128%	1	26
Chapel of the Ozark	40	32	24	16	22	28	22	45	105%	0	1
Community					18			31			4
Faith & Hope	17	18	20	15	15	25	19	20	5%	0	0
Jones Chapel	45	55	57	56	35	67	57	65	14%	0	6
Joplin First	74	67	65	73	65	106	115	130	13%	0	7
Macedonia	103	95	97	98	109	120	119	183	54%	0	4
Merl's Chapel	31	30	26	28	22	48	20	60	200%	0	5
Monett First	125	120	105	95	63	196	189	130	-31%	0	3
Neosho First	65	68	70	71	68	85	125	134	7%	0	6
New Life	45	12	12	23	23	19	22	30	36%	0	5
New Testament	32	35	28	28	28	22	22	76	245%	0	6
Pleasant Grove	17	18	19	19	19	20	21	27	29%	0	0
Purdy First	43	44	60	60	54	69	104	94	-9%	0	16
TOTALS	702	663	652	647	610	901	915	1207	32%	1	69
LACLEDE											
Cross Roads		58	58	55	65	93	92	136	50%	0	20
Happy Hill	58	56	56	58	45	54	54	80	11%	0	2
Mission	30	30	30	30	30	38	38	38	0%	0	0
New Home	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	0%	0	0
Sunnyview	18	28	26	29	21	32	23	42	83%	0	2
TOTALS	111	179	177	177	168	224	214	283	32%	0	24
LIBERTY											
Amity					35			130			
Bethel					18			40			3
Black Oak	42	45	50	45	42	66	78	81	7%	0	5
Calvary	32	35	55	40	47	68	71	92	30%	0	4
Faith	18	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	0%	0	0
Gardner	20	15	23	23	23	28	28	28	0%	0	0
Liberty	58	45	47	44	51	83	65	73	12%	1	4
Macedonia	14	12	18	10	10	16	10	10	0%	0	0
Mt. Zion Cuba	83	83	70	50	64	71	71	95	34%	0	2
New Bethel		15	20	18	16	66	37	37	0%	0	0
Niangua	30	41	32	32	27	50	50	42	-16%	1	5
Old Liberty	10	14	17	15	15	11	13	11	-15%	0	0
Springfield First	123	124	107	107	86	148	197	250	27%	0	12
Unity	44	45	42	42	49	43	70	90	29%	0	6
TOTALS	474	486	495	438	497	664	702	993	41%	2	41

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MID-RIVERS											
Hannibal	28	28	32	33	34	70	91	102	12%	0	25
Crossroads	42	50	55	67	35	125	67	72	7%	0	3
O'Fallon First	38	46	55	53	63	109	120	181	34%	0	18
St. Peters	70	68	58	52	52	101	97	96	-1%	0	3
TOTALS	178	190	200	205	184	405	375	431	15%	0	49
MISSION											
Big Creek	30	30	27	28	28	40	30	30	0%	0	3
Cabool	63	41	41	50	60	88	92	67	-27%	0	16
Faith & Hope	20	18	18	12	9	10	15	61	307%	0	2
Happy Home	28	28	28	28	28	31	31	31	0%	0	0
Harmony	38	30	36	33	34	40	18	20	11%	0	1
Hartville	99	105	115	115	115	161	231	135	-42%	0	13
Houston First	68	55	51	51	55	77	79	100	27%	0	5
Kingsway	65	76	76	76	76	47	45	45	0%	0	0
Lead Hill	19	19	19	19	19	29	105	100	19%	0	0
Lone Star	12	12	12	12	12	40	40	40	0%	0	0
Mountain Grove 1st	163	168	160	165	185	248	268	365	36%	0	17
Mountain Valley	18	34	43	43	43	40	40	40	0%	0	0
Mt. Pisgah	76	65	65	76	76	74	87	87	0%	2	9
New Home	28	28	32	29	19	32	70	42	-40%	0	1
New Life	50	50	50	36	67	114	94	87	-7%	0	7
New Rock Springs	35	36	36	50	50	38	76	55	-27%	0	4
Oak Grove (Texas)	10	20	20	8	8	18	13	13	0%	0	0
Oak Grove (Wright)	47	58	38	26	26	90	90	55	-38%	0	0
Number One	32	32	32	32	32	34	27	27	0%	0	0
Pleasant Grove	16	16	16	16	16	26	26	26	0%	0	0
Pleasant Hill	20	21	20	20	20	24	25	25	0%	0	0
Pleasant Home	45	50	50	50	60	53	68	92	35%		15
Rock Chapel	75	63	70	58	58	72	52	52	0%	0	5
Salem	18	18	18	18	18	72	35	51	48%	0	0
Seymour	23	23	23	18	28	28	73	83	14%	0	2
Springfield	24	25	21	21	21	42	42	42	0%	0	0
Trinity	12	12	12	28	29	50	44	52	18%	0	4
Tyrone	12	12	12	15	15	15	8	8	0%	0	0
Union	30	30	25	25	18	23	23	27	17%	0	0
Union Chapel	20	20	20	20	20	13	13	13	0%	0	0
Union Grove	80	65	54	64	79	59	79	148	87%	0	11
Victory Hill	31	31	19	19	19	28	28	28	0%	0	0
Willow Springs	64	66	67	64	63	73	96	76	-20%	0	3
Willow Springs 1st	38	30	42	38	39	52	45	72	60%	0	13
Wolf Creek	63	57	56	54	55	80	55	80	45%	0	3
TOTALS	1,452	1,444	1,424	1,415	1,498	1,941	2,163	2,280	5%	2	134

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1995	1996	1997	+/-%	3/30	Saved
									Growth	1997	1996
NIANGUA											
Bailey Chapel					32			70			4
Buffalo	54	54	43	40	37	63	60	60	0%	0	0
Cedar Ridge	56	56	56	56	56	82	82	82	0%	0	0
Hopewell	34	34	31	34	33	54	75	80	7%	0	8
New Prospect	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	0%	0	0
Pleasant Ridge	36	36	36	36	36	49	49	49	0%	0	0
TOTALS	187	187	173	173	201	256	274	349	27%	0	12
NORTHEAST											
Connelville	24	19	26	18	15	22	13	33	254%	0	4
Hazel Creek	69	67	67	69	67	91	84	144	71%	0	6
Kirksville First	33	31	32	37	35	46	35	48	37%	0	5
New Harmony	23	24	24	24	19	25	25	18	-36%	0	0
Temill Road	49	46	53	34	38	70	85	72	-15%	0	5
TOTALS	198	187	202	182	174	254	242	313	29%	0	20
NORTHWEST											
Freeman Chapel	32	32	32	35	35	70	75	105	40%	0	4
Mt. Zion	14	14	12	12	10	16	16	25	56%	0	2
TOTALS	46	46	44	47	45	86	91	130	43%	0	6
SOUTH CENTRAL											
Bourbon	22	24	28	52	53	37	89	50	-43%	1	12
Cuba	96	109	112	109	116	204	228	247	8%	0	26
DeSoto First	193	185	181	176	178	242	240	328	37%	0	10
Oak Hill	65	67	65	65	50	120	103	103	0%	1	4
Potosi First	55	41	49	44	50	44	117	118	1%	1	32
Rolla First	31	28	28	27	28	45	60	58	-3%	0	3
Waynesville First	47	48	50	45	45	66	73	73	0%	0	0
TOTALS	509	502	513	518	520	758	910	977	7%	3	87

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	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1995	1996	1997	+/-%	3/30	Saved
	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1995	1996	1997	Growth	1997	1998
SOUTHEAST											
Bismarck	14	14	13	30	31	21	23	50	117%	0	0
Copper Mines	61	58	58	54	60	46	68	95	40%	0	3
Fredericktown First	91	83	42	38	38	48	50	62	24%	0	3
Mill Creek	41	50	50	49	53	58	67	102	52%	0	4
Mine La Motte	30	35	35	33	35	35	57	62	9%	0	2
New Hope	31	27	38	39	49	57	61	86	41%	0	4
Oak Hill	40	30	32	40	40	36	35	35	0%	0	0
Old Bethel	21	18	23	20	20	23	19	19	0%	0	0
Twin Oaks	60	79	76	71	75	79	64	93	45%	0	7
Union Light	61	55	44	48	48	40	54	54	0%	0	0
TOTALS	470	449	411	422	449	441	498	658	32%	0	23
ST. FRANCOIS											
Aulsbury Chapel	25	25	25	25	36	25	25	75	200%	0	7
Bethel	57	49	65	68	62	106	65	92	42%	1	15
Farmington First	326	326	354	313	293	715	577	392	-32%	0	48
Fellowship	214	195	181	169	170	205	290	251	-13%	0	15
Park Hills First	134	140	132	124	110	285	242	232	-4%	3	12
Gospel Light	64	58	78	90	88	220	180	227	26%	1	24
Hurryville	53	56	62	63	67	89	151	212	40%	0	17
Leadington	74	76	69	63	55	85	76	78	0%	0	18
Parkview	56	52	49	39	44	55	101	145	44%	0	12
Richwoods	44	40	40	40	40	72	72	72	0%	0	0
Viburnum	28	27	27	31	22	36	31	75	142%	0	3
TOTALS	1073	1044	1082	1025	987	1893	1810	1849	2%	5	171
ST. LOUIS											
Calvary Fellowship	248	256	249	221	208	364	363	399	10%	0	23
Faith	45	45	45	45	45	30	30	30	0%	0	0
Fourth	50	50	75	72	35	62	136	97	-28%	0	19
Grace	121	142	130	130	126	197	197	189	-4%	0	11
Overland	37	37	37	37	37	59	31	90	190%	2	0
Southside	50	50	40	30	12	49	49	23	-53%	0	0
Trinity	69	75	69	73	70	125	111	137	23%	0	5
TOTALS	620	655	645	608	533	886	917	965	5%	2	58
GRAND TOTALS	8,819	8,951	9,036	8,860	8,994	12,775	13,119	15,701	20%	23	814

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 and 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