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of Free Will Baptists

2022 Annual
Proceedings &
Digest of Reports



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2022-2023 Officers of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

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General Board Members

<u>Association</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Bootheel	Rev. Chris Girard	2024
Cave Springs	Rev. Todd Williams	2024
Central Western	Rev. Randy Sprenkle	2024
Greater Kansas City	Rev. Alan Kinder	2024
Greater Springfield	Rev. Keith Garrison	2024
Indian Creek	Rev. Brian Brinkhoff	2024
Laclede County	Rev. Bruce Doublin	2024
Liberty	Rev. Dan Talbott	2024
Mid-Rivers	Rev. Rick Chapman	2024
Mission	Rev. David Carroll	2024
Mo-Ark	Rev. Darrell Strain	2023
Niangua	Rev. Buddy Hand	2023
Northeast	Rev. Jon McNay	2023
Northwest	Rev. Vernon Maggart	2023
Ozarks	Rev. Bill Young	2023
South Central	Rev. Leroy Bryant	2023
Southeast	Rev. Raymond Michael	2023
St. Francois	Bro. Jim Sanderson	2023
St. Louis	Rev. Ken Simpson	2023
Tri-County	Rev. Russell Johnson	2023
Christian Education Board	Rev. Mark Elliott	
Missouri Mission Board	Rev. Bob Thebeau	
Senior Adult Ministries Board	Rev. Wayne Phillips	
Youth Camp Board	Rev. Andy Rains	
Youth Ministries Board	Rev. Ryan Akers	

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Executive Committee

Moderator	Rev. Zach Williams
Assistant Moderator	Rev. W. Jackson Watts
Clerk	Rev. Justin Lawson
Rev. Bob Thebeau	2023
Rev. Darrell Strain	2023
Rev. Ken Simpson	2024
Rev. Mark Elliott	2024

Christian Education Board

Rev. Joshua Kennon	2027
Rev. Melvin Moon	2026
Rev. Jay Tilson	2025
Rev. Roger Hogan	2024
Rev. Mark Elliott (Chairman)	2023

Missouri Mission Board

Rev. David Beltz	2025
Rev. Randy Gaddis	2025
Rev. Cody Alley	2025
Rev. Russ Neill	2024
Rev. Barry Reel	2024
Rev. Richard Robinson	2024
Rev. Bob Thebeau (Chairman)	2023
Rev. Curt Gwartney	2023
Rev. Gary Mitchener	2023

Senior Adult Ministries

Rev. Gene Crewse	2027
Rev. Don Anderson	2026
Rev. Wayne Phillips (Chairman)	2025
Rev. Doug Earls	2024
Rev. Ronnie Blanks	2023

Youth Camp Board

Rev. Ben Ryan	2027
Rev. Mark Henry	2026
Rev. Tim Hodges	2025
Rev. Jacob Jones	2024
Rev. Andy Rains (Chairman)	2023

Youth Ministries Board

Rev. Ryan Akers (Chairman)	2027
Bro. Tony Ogden	2026
Sis. Chelsea Brawley	2025
Rev. Layton Smith	2024
Bro. Seth Moon	2023

Historical Commission

Rev. Keith Garrison	2025
Rev. Darrell Strain	2024
Rev. Gary Fry	2023

Randall University Trustee Board

Dr. Ryan Long	2025
Rev. Ray Paxton	2024
Rev. Steve Reeves	2023

National Association Board Member

Rev. Stan Bunch	2023
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2021 Fall General Board Meeting

The MOFWB General Board members met November 1, 2021 at the MOFWB State Executive Office for the annual fall meeting. Reports from all state ministry boards were received and approved. There were no business items presented.

Proceedings of the 109th Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists

Convened at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center in Springfield, MO on June 6th, 2022.

Monday Evening, June 6th

The Clerk called the session to order. Bro. Zach Williams welcomed attendees and offered prayer. Standing delegates were recognized. Congregational singing was led by Mosaic FWB Church. Prayer was offered by Bro. Faron Thebeau and the offering was collected. Special music was provided by Bro. Bruce Moore of Wolf Creek FWB Church. Bro. Zach introduced Bro. Derek Altom, who then preached on the theme of "Use Your Gifts" out of 1 Corinthians 12. Assistant Moderator Jackson Watts presented the amendments to the by-laws. Motion made to lay them on the table. Motion was seconded and carried. Announcement of Resolutions and Credentials Committees was made with Chairmen being asked to see the clerk after the meeting. There was a presentation of a gift and show of appreciation to Bro. Stan and Sis. Brenda for ten years of service. Closing announcements were shared and prayer by Bro. Bill Ragsdale. The service was followed by a reception for Bro. Stan and Sis. Brenda Bunch in honor of ten years of service as our Executive Director.

Tuesday Evening, June 7th

The evening service began with Bro. Doug Earls welcoming the body. Bro. Rooke Young opened us in prayer. Mosaic FWB Church led us in congregational singing. Bro. David Beltz led prayer and the offering was collected. Special music was provided by Sis. Carly Paxton of Grace Fellowship FWB Church. Bro. Doug introduced Bro. Mark Elliott. Bro. Mark then challenged us from Nehemiah 4:6 on "Equipping the Saints: A Mind to Work". Closing prayer was led by Bro. Doug Earls.

Wednesday Morning Business Session, June 8th

The session was called to order by Moderator Zach Williams who opened us in prayer. The devotion was given by Galen Dixon of the Hartville 1st FWB Church. He spoke from the book of Nehemiah on "Lay Ministry".

The Credentials Committee Report was read and received. All twenty districts have reported, and all but two associations have paid their annual dues. Standing and elected delegates recognized and seated. -M/S/C

Credentials Committee Report:

We, the members of the Credentials Committee, have reviewed the materials submitted to our committee and found the following: 18 of the 20 distinct associations have submitted reports and dues. Bootheel and Greater Springfield have submitted reports, though no dues have been paid. Two churches have withdrawn or been dropped from associational rosters (Poplar Bluff/ Bootheel), (Lead Hill/ Mission). Three churches haven't reported but their districts have paid their dues for the time being (Life-point/ Greater KC), (Happy Home/ Mission), and (Viburnum/ St. Francois). We recommend the seating of the delegates from all district associations upon promise of payment from the two delinquent associations. We also recommend that next year's delinquent associations' delegates not be seated given the clear guidelines and written expectations for the business of our State Association.

Respectively Submitted by

Curt Gwartney, Chairman
Jackson Watts
Alan Kinder
Melvin Moon
Ryan Akers

The Nominating Committee Report was read and received (nominees will be adopted one by one following each Board's report) -M/S/C

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Executive Director Report (pages 18-29)

Bro. Stan led us in prayer for Bro. Leroy and Sis. Peggy Bryant. Bro. Stan expressed his thanks to everyone. He then drew our attention to the Digest of Reports. He went over the financials. 2021 was a record year in giving to the Co-op. Bro. Stan made note that the state office had to replace their printer. He also explained that there was an extra dividends check from Brotherhood Mutual due to a previous error on their part. We are also thankful for the commission check from Randall House Publishing. Bro. Stan spoke about the need and importance of the Pastoral Care Fund. Then he asked us to turn to page 17 of the digest. He and Bro. Steve Reeves shared their heart for setting some evangelism goals for 2023. They shared some information on the Evangelism Conference on August 27th. Bro. Steve shared their E-23 MOFWB Evangelism Goals. -M/S/C

The General Board report was read, with each item to be voted on individually - M/S/C

Moderator gave some brief context for item #1 as a matter of explanation:

Item #1 – The adoption of the 2023 Co-op budget of \$875,000.00.

Bro. Alan Kinder asked for clarification on the amount of the budget. Bro. Stan said what's in the digest is a misprint and that \$875,000 is the correct amount. -M/S/C

Moderator gave some brief context for item #2 as a matter of explanation:

Item #2 – The adoption of Item 1 of the Auditor's recommendations in its entirety.

- a. A uniform accounting system for all ministries.
- b. A uniform chart of accounts.
- c. A written manual of financial reporting policies and procedures.

-M/S/C

The Resolutions Committee Report was read. - M/S/C

We, the members of the Resolutions Committee, recommend the following resolution on denominational repentance be considered by the body, and if adopted forward to the National Associations for consideration. We also recommend that this body reaffirms the resolution adopted by the NAFWB in 1974 regarding Ministerial Discipline.

Signed,
Bob Thebeau, Chairman
Mark Headrick
Ray Paxton
Bill Ragsdale
Josh Chapman

1974 NAFWB Resolution on Ministerial Discipline

I. MINISTERIAL DISCIPLINE

WHEREAS, the Bible teaches the manner in which a minister should be disciplined; and

WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist Treatise clearly outlines the procedure for disciplinary action concerning one of our ministers; and

WHEREAS, our churches and district associations tend to be lax in following the Biblical principles and the guidelines set forth in the Treatise in properly disciplining ministers whose character is called into question; and

WHEREAS, this brings reproach on the name of Christ and our denomination **BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That our churches be requested to follow the Scriptures and the Treatise when any need for discipline arises.
2. That churches exercise wisdom in calling a pastor by properly investigating him.
3. That associations carefully check the credentials of ministers who transfer from another association before receiving a minister into fellowship.
4. That each district association be requested to publish in their state association paper the names of any ministers whose credentials have been revoked.

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Resolution of Repentance

Whereas God has graciously brought about the existence of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and used them for His glory, and

Whereas God alone is worthy of all honor and glory and power, but we have pridefully sought to steal His glory by claiming ministry successes as our own, and have been complacent and callous toward our spiritual condition and others, and

Whereas God has created all peoples in His image for His glory and called us to love them and reach them with the Gospel, we have instead shown prejudice and racism in our attitudes and actions, particularly by failing to evangelize and disciple all peoples in our communities, and

Whereas God has called us to unify amid our diversity to accomplish His work in the world, we have instead divided over matters of opinion and preference, failing to focus on His priorities, and often displayed a critical spirit toward leadership and those not in our group, creating factions among us resulting in a state of crisis revealed by:

the decline of nearly five hundred churches

the decline of Sunday School enrollment by nearly 75,000

the decline of ordained ministers by 1,100

the decline of ordained deacons by 2,500

and the staggering reduction in baptisms to an annual average of 1.6 per church, and

Whereas God's Word warns that failure to obey His precepts results in chastisement, weakness, and removal of His blessing, and

Whereas God has called His church to be a community of holiness and reconciliation, and because we have sorely neglected the practice of Biblical and redemptive church discipline and are in desperate need of godly sorrow and urgent repentance;

Therefore, be it Resolved, that we as a denomination corporately acknowledge our sin before God and implore Him to forgive us as we repent of these sins.

Be it further Resolved, that those of us who are redeemed by God's power and strong hand to individually call upon the Lord in fervent prayer and fasting, pleading for Him to hear our prayer and grant us as members and churches of the National Association of Free Will Baptists fruitfulness in obeying His Word.

-M S/C

Report from National Executive Office

Bro. Ryan Lewis thanked everyone their support. He gave us some information on the One Magazine. He went on to talk about the upcoming National Convention. Bro. Ryan let us know about some of the resources the National offices has available.

Report from North American Ministries

Bro. Frank Webster brought greetings from North American Ministries. Bro. Frank gave an update on the work of the Master's Men and the many churches and communities they've helped. He talked about our chaplains, cross-cultural ministry, Church Planting, and Church Revitalization ministries. We currently have 41 English speaking church planters- planting 32 churches in 22 states and U.S. territories with our newest works being in: Hickory, NC; The Villages, FL; San Diego, CA; and Ardmore, OK. NAM also will be providing a free Pastor's boot camp twice a year. Bro. Frank thanked us for our generous giving.

Youth Ministries Board Report (pages 45-47)

Bro. Ryan Akers discussed last years CTS and how attendance is slowly starting to recover after Covid-19. Bro. Ryan encouraged us to go back and encourage our churches to participate in CTS. He went on about how great a resource it can be for our youth programs. Bro. Ryan talked about how the change of the E3 conference to a one day event has helped. This year's E3 Conference will again be a one day event on November 5th at West Plains 1st FWB. He then talked about the Youth Minis-

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tries partnership with the Youth Camp to try to provide more content and helpful classes for our campers. There will also be some breakout sessions for the youth workers. Bro. Ryan talked about the current problems with depression and loneliness in the youth. Bro. Ryan also mentioned that they will be providing the Recharge Youth Leader's Retreat again next year. He talked about how beneficial it is and all the training that is provided. He also talked about some of the other resources that will be available to FWB churches. -M/S/C

Election: For term expiring in 2027, replacing Ryan Akers: Ryan Akers;
For term expiring in 2026, replacing Luke Feeney: Tony Ogden;
For term expiring in 2025, replacing Caleb Milling: Chelsea Brawley; -M/S/C

Report from FWB Foundation

Bro. David Brown brought greetings from the Foundation. Bro. David talked about the importance of everyone on the team. When we pool our resources together it makes it possible for us to do exponentially more. Bro. David offered to have someone from the foundation come to our churches and give a presentation about the Foundation and estate planning.

Missions Board Report (pages 30-38)

Bro. Steve Reeves talked about how much of a blessing this job has been and he's thankful for all of Bro. Frank's help in transitioning. Bro. Steve talked about how well the Osage FWB church is doing and they are now self-supporting. The Dallas County emergency response ministry is now under the umbrella of the Mission Board. The Cape church has probably been hit the hardest by Covid-19. The Mosaic church is doing well. The Restore church in Potosi had 50 people at their launch service. They are doing very well. Bro. Cody Alley is ministering as a chaplain for the Mercy hospital in Lebanon. Bro. Steve shared a little information on the Beacon FWB Church in Greater Kansas City Association. Bro. Frank and Sis. Debbie are seeing a good turn out for their Bible study for people who have never studied the Bible. The Schmidt's are having about 10 people meeting at their house in Albuquerque, NM. They have been hit hard by Covid-19. Bro. Steve gave some more general information about our other various mission works both nationally and internationally. He then went over the financials. Bro. Steve thanked everyone for their support, prayers, and giving. And expressed his desire to help.

Motion to receive report and adopt the budget; Second; Carried.

Election: For term expiring in 2025, replacing Cody Alley: Cody Alley;
For term expiring in 2025, replacing Ray Bradley: David Beltz;
For term expiring in 2025, replacing Randy Gaddis: Randy Gaddis; -M/S/C

10-minute recess at 10:40 am.

Report from FWB Family Ministries

Bro. Ken Winningham expressed thanks for the state's support of their work and brought greetings on behalf of Bro. Jim McComas. Bro. Ken spoke about the founding of the FWB Family Ministries. He spoke about the extent of their work and their various homes and locations. Bro. Ken shared some testimonies from the many people they have helped through the ministries.

Report from International Missions (IM)

Bro. Curt Holland shared some of the highlights of the various mission works throughout the world. IM currently has 115 missionaries in the field. Bro. Curt spoke about the Hanna Project and its various works. He also spoke about the wonderful opportunities available to students through E-Teams. He expressed his thankfulness for the wonderful fellowship that exists among all the directors. He challenged us to get involved.

Report from the Board of Retirement

Bro. Rick Dement brought greetings from the staff at the Board of Retirement. Bro. Rick told us about the new board members. Retirement investing is a long term investment. He went over the various investment options we have through the Board of Retirement. There is also an institutional investment option for churches. There are educational tools available on the Board's website.

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Senior Adult (Retiree) Ministries Board (pages 39-40)

Bro. Wayne Phillips talked about the blessings of ministry in Missouri. Bro. Wayne explained why the use of the word "Retiree" instead of "Senior Adult". He directed our attention to the Report of Digests. He talked about the challenges of Covid-19 on the ministry. The retreat will be October 17th & 18th with Dr. Moody as the speaker. Bro. Wayne went over the financials. He then thanked everyone and encouraged us to attend the retreat. -M/S/C

Election: For term expiring in 2027, replacing Jerry Pinkerton: Gene Crewse; -M/S/C

Christian Education Board Report (pages 48-49)

Bro. Mark Elliott drew everyone's attention to page 35 of the Digest of Reports. He went on to talk about how successful the Minister's retreat has been. It is also a refreshing time of fellowship. Bro. Brandon Moore will be the speaker for the 2023 Ministers Retreat. Bro. Mark encouraged the wives to attend the Minister's Wives Retreat. He went on to discuss the various sessions that take place on Tuesday of the state convention. He also talked about the importance of being able to provide scholarships. Bro. Mark went over the financials and then expressed the willingness of the Board to help in any way possible. -M/S/C

Election: For term expiring in 2027, replacing Joshua Kennon: Joshua Kennon; -M/S/C

Report from Randall House Publications

Bro. Derek Altom brought greetings on behalf of Dr. Ron Hunter. Bro. Derek said they believe that it's Biblical for the home to be the primary place of discipleship. Randall House is working hard to provide the parents with the resources necessary to accomplish this with the local church aiding through the use of D6 curriculum. Bro. Ron is in Seoul, South Korea doing a D6 conference. He thanked us for our support.

Camp Niangua Report (pages 41-44)

Bro. Andy Rains commented on how each and every board that has reported so far has had a positive impact on his life and ministry at some point. Bro. Andy updated us on the upcoming youth camp sessions. He also talked about some of the issues with the current culture and blended families. Bro. Andy talked about some of the changes to the format. He talked about the new covering over the playground. The rates have been raised on camp rentals. This will not affect the cost of church camp for our FWB churches although this may need to change in the future. Bro. Andy explained the various streams of income to the camp. He then explained the current situation with the debt the camp is carrying. The bank loan officer wrote the loan as an interest only loan for the last year. The Camp Board caught the mistake and made a sizable principal only payment and the loan will be fixed when it renews next year. The goal is to pay the loan off as soon as possible. Pre-registrations are up this year. Student ministry needs to be emphasized in our churches. A good start is to send your kids to camp. Bro. Andy went over the rest of the financials. Bro. Andy mentioned that the debt retirement was actually going to be closer to \$12,000 instead of the \$7,000 listed in the Report of Digest. He thanked everyone for their support. -M/S/C

Election: For term expiring in 2027, replacing Dan Cottengim: Ben Ryan - M/S/C

Report from Commission for Theological Integrity

Bro. Jackson Watts spoke on the changing culture. He went over the resources that are made available by the Commission. He then announced the upcoming symposiums. He also directed us to their website and other social media.

Historical Commission Report

Bro. Keith Garrison spoke on the strong ties between Welch College and the Missouri State Association. He spoke on how the commission is working with the NAFWB National Archives which are housed at a special facility in Welch College. In closing Bro. Keith asked us to please remember to pray for Bro. R.E. Helsley and Bro. Elmer Turnbough. -M/S/C

Election: For term expiring in 2025, replacing Keith Garrison: Keith Garrison - M/S/C

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Report from Welch College

Bro. Matt Pinson brought greetings from Welch College. Bro. Matt mentioned how active the State of Missouri Association is at the National level. He talked about the current financial challenges due to the affects of COVID. The good news is that the freshman class enrollment is back up to pre-COVID levels. Bro. Matt asked for our support. Enrollment in all majors has been down twenty-five percent since COVID with the exception of Ministry majors. He emphasized the need for Free Will Baptist ministers who believe in Free Will Baptist doctrine and practice. He went on to share the new programs and resources available through Welch College.

Report from Randall University

Bro. Bob Thompson talked about a recent accident that happened in a school baseball game. Please pray for these young men. Bro. Bob thanked us for our support. He talked about the chaos of the last two years. The University is committed to theological integrity. The finances of the university is in good shape. The need for pastors is great. The Bible tells us to pray for laborers. Bro. Bob appreciates everyone who spoke to him when he was a young man about answering his call into ministry. He asked us to encourage and support those that are called into the ministry. That's what Randall University wants to do too.

Election: For term expiring in 2025, replacing Ryan Long: Ryan Long; -M/S/C

Women Nationally Active for Christ

Sis. Lee Ann Wilfong announced that Sis. Ruth MacDonald is the new director. There will no longer be any dues. She encouraged the ladies to get involved.

Handbook Committee Report

Bro. Keith Garrison began by thanking the Moderator. He went on to explain the process the committee went through to arrive at the current document. Bro. Keith talked about the importance of the Handbook especially for new board and committee members. The last time this handbook was updated was 21 years ago. He said the plan in the future is to update the handbook more frequently. Bro. Keith brought our attention to the fact that if we adopt this new handbook that we will have to make some By-law changes. He went over some of the highlights of the handbook and also talked about a few grammatical changes that still need to be changed.

The General Board recommends the adoption of the revised Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists Handbook.

-M/S/C

Changes to the By-laws - Motion made "To Take From The Table" S/C

1) Change the language in the Purpose section (item 2) to match the proposed Mission Statement in the Handbook: "The mission of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists is to unify local Free Will Baptist associations by equipping, encouraging, and strengthening local churches in making disciples of Jesus Christ." -M/S/C

2) Change line four of item 11 to read as follows: "Standing Boards include the Christian Education Board, the Missouri Missions Board, the Retiree Ministry Board, the Youth Ministry Board, the Youth Camp Board, and the General Board." -M S/C

3) Change item 30 by replacing the existing paragraph with the following: "The Moderator and Executive Director shall appoint a Nominating Committee, Credentials Committee, and Resolutions Committee annually. Whenever it deems necessary, the General Board may appoint an Audit Committee to review the financial condition of the state's ministry boards." -M S/C

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Election of General Board Members:

Bootheel	replacing Chris Girard	Chris Girard	
Cave Springs	replacing Todd Williams	Todd Williams	
Central Western	replacing Warren Hall	Randy Sprenkle	
Greater Kansas City	replacing Alan Kinder	Alan Kinder	
Greater Springfield	replacing Keith Garrison	Keith Garrison	
Indian Creek	replacing Brian Brinkhoff	Brian Brinkhoff	
Laclede County	replacing Bruce Doublin	Bruce Doublin	
Liberty	replacing Dan Talbott	Dan Talbott	
Mid-Rivers	replacing Rick Chapman	Rick Chapman	
Mission	replacing David Carroll	David Carroll	-M/S/C

Election of General Officers

Moderator	Replacing Zach Williams	Zach Williams	-M/S/C
Assistant Moderator	Replacing Jackson Watts	Jackson Watts	-M/S/C
Clerk	Replacing Justin Lawson	Justin Lawson	-M/S/C
Assistant Clerk	Replacing Rick Dement	Mark Headrick	-M/S/C

Election of State Delegates (5)

Nominees: Penny Garrison, Jennifer Lawson, Tammy Williams, Linda Reeves, Brenda Bunch -M/S/C

Obituary Report was shared via Powerpoint presentation.

Delegates were asked to stand. Bro. Warren Hall prayed for the bereaved families associated with the names shared in the presentation. -M/S/C

Final announcements and reminders were made by the Moderator.

- Motion to adjourn; S/C (12:47pm).

General Board Meeting

Executive Committee Election: replacing Ken Simpson & Mark Elliott: Ken Simpson & Mark Elliott;

November Meeting Reminder: Monday, November 7th, 10:00 am.

Bro. Dan Talbott asked for clarification on the audit committee. Bro. Zach said that it will only be appointed if the General Board deems it necessary.

- Motion to Adjourn; S/C

Wednesday Evening Service

We were welcomed by Bro. Darrell Strain with opening prayer by Bro. Ronnie Blanks. We were then led in congregational singing by Mosaic FWB Church. Bro. Darrell prayed, and the offering was collected. Special music was provided by Sis. Carly Paxton of Grace Fellowship FWB Church. Bro. Darrell introduced our speaker, Bro. Ben Ryan. Bro. Ben preached on the theme of "Equipped to Finish the Father's Work" from John 4:34. Bro. Stan Bunch read to us the resolution of repentance that we adopted today and led us in a closing prayer.

-----The State Association concluded its 109th annual meeting. -----

~ Rev. Justin Lawson, MOFWB Clerk

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Obituary Report

Bootheel

none reported

Cave Springs

Peggy Rogers
Herbert Whittenburg Jr.
Andrea White
Herb May
Louise Sorrell
Sandy Whiteside
Lou Ella Hunter
Naomi Pointer
BJ Brixey Jr.
Lee Vincent
Minnie Bray
Sabrina Collins
Juanita Mace
Jeanie Doran
Marvin Brawley

Central Western

Esther Christie
Blanch Eslinger
Karen Hardy
Clifford Hoover
Winnifred Lira
Trent Morgan
T.D. Yount

Greater Kansas City

Carol Barnes
Melvin Grant
Gina Holmes
Anna Rice
Anne Rule

Greater Springfield

Francis Anstine
Enola Baker
Sonja Clark
Carl Foster
Marilyn Inman
Morris McGregor
Penn McHenry
Jack Neil

Indian Creek

Lisa Carpenter Crawford
Dean Gentry***
June Gentry

Gary Harmon
Loies Ellen Moomaw
Lucille Porter
Nova Schwandt
Mac Taylor
Jo Ann Thomas
Delmar Thurman

Laclede

Harold Armstrong Jr.

Liberty

Melba Kincheloe
Kenneth Wood
Rebecca Kay
Bill Gilkerson*

Mid Rivers

none reported

Mission

Peggy Adamson
Howard Anderson*
Steve Burkey
Elster Butts***
Grace Butts
Danny Carter***
Eual Carter***
Joe Chadwell
Bob Dugger***
Marie Garrison
Karen Grabher
Gary Grogan
Delsie Hastings
Willis Lakey
Hazel Lathrom
Charles Wayne Polm
Van Renfrow***
Louise Thornhill
Lyda Wheat

MO-Ark

Jo Ann Haddock
Judy Howard
Eugene James***
Kaleb Johnson
Lonnie Linson
Irene Madden
Jerry Pendergrass
Bill Willbanks

Niangua

Gary "Dick" Dampier
Gary Hutsell*
David Slavens
Judy Winn
Shirley Wiseman

Northwest

none reported

Northwest

Carol Rice

Ozarks

none reported

South Central

Lowell R. Burgess
Diana M. Seay
Howard Smith
Billie Jean Stahlman
Lloyd Stahlman

South Central

Edward Leroy Light***
Patricia Light
Charles Vaughn***

Southeast

Acy Bellew
Chrissy Hampton
Nellie Henderson
Billy Martin
Lorraine Myers
Donald Reagan
Merriel Schoonover
Norma Tripp

St. Francois

Richard Barker*
Larry Bodine*
Betty Boyer
Dick Boyer
Nedra Courtaway
Vera Evans
Dorothy Geibler
Gary Gerstanschlager
Lorna Huff
Sheila Kharfaoui
Carla Krampf**

Donna Lewis

Michael Looney
Allen Naylor
Byron Richardson
Thedford "Danny" Rider
Doris Rogers
Donald Sherrill
Pat Skaggs
Richard Treaster
St. Louis
Madilyn Chapman
Sam Chapman
Terry Chapman
Gurvis Hinson
Betty Moyers
Jerry Norris*
Ann Rocco
Bob Roskowske Sr.

Tri-County

David Chastain
Donna Shoemaker

*Minister

**Minister's Wife

***Deacon

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2022 Annual Report to the National Association of Free Will Baptists

A. Church Characteristics

1. Total Number of District Associations: **20**
2. Total Number of District Associations Reporting: **20**
3. Total Number of Churches: **142**
4. Total Number of Churches Reporting: **139**
5. Number of Churches within City Limits: **68**
in Rural Areas: **72**
6. Number of Churches with Full-Time Pastors: **59**
with Part-Time Pastors: **73**

B. Membership Information

1. Baptisms: **315**
2. Members Added: **300**
3. Members Lost: **179**
4. Membership: **8152**

C. Stewardship Information

1. Income of all Churches: **\$9,447,585.79**
2. Number of Churches with Budgets: **47**

D. Building Information

1. Number of Churches with Parsonages: **28**
2. Value of All Church Property including Parsonages: **\$75,748,145.06**

E. General Information

1. Number of Ordained Ministers: **189**
Licensed Minsters: **20**
2. Number of Ordained Deacons: **199**
3. Number of Daycares: **2**
Christian Schools: **0**
Bible Institutes: **0**
Colleges: **0**
4. Sunday School Enrollment: **3025**



MO FWB Women's Ministry

Celebration Service • June 7, 2022

The Missouri Women's Ministry hosted the Celebration Service on June 7, 2022 at the State Convention in Springfield, MO. The service began at 10:30 am. Lee Ann Wilfong, President of MO Women's Ministry, opened the meeting with an update on Women's Ministry and WNAC. She provided a brief biography of the new WNAC Executive Director, Ruth MacDonald. Lee Ann gave an overview of the WNAC "The Giving Tree" project. The Women's Ministry Board was introduced. In addition, she introduced a project called "Adopt A Show Me Missionary Family" and encouraged leaders to choose a family to pray for and engage with.

After the Women's Ministry update, Steve Reeves provided an update on all Missouri Show Me Plan missionaries. There was a lot of positive news, but some continuing chal-

lenges, as well. Steve encouraged us to continue to pray for and support our missionaries.

Curt Gwartney introduced the Gerst family, with Rob Gerst being the speaker and the rest of the Gerst family leading us in worship and song. Rob's message was focused on John 21:15-25, calling us to make sure we had sheep to feed in our lives.

The closing prayer and benediction was given by Curt Gwartney.

~ Donna Lough, Secretary,
Women's Ministry

MO FWB Women's Ministry Board Members:

Lee Ann Wilfong, chairwoman (573-760-6756)

Cassie Bass, assistant chairwoman

Donna Lough, secretary

Jeri Morgan, treasurer

Sarah Whitehead

Brenda Johnston

Megan Wilfong

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June 6-8, 2022
Oasis Hotel and Convention Center
Springfield, MO

Audit Report

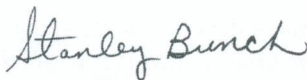
April 14, 2022

During the 2021 MOFWB State Meeting the delegation voted:

- That an audit be conducted by a CPA every five years, beginning in 2021, and a financial review be performed by a CPA in the intervening years for all of the state ministries.

The MOFWB State Director contracted a CPA to perform the audit and gathered the financials from each of the state boards. The process was not complete at the time of the printing of the Digest of Reports. A full report of the findings from the audit will be available upon completion.

The audit is being performed by: KPM CPAs & Advisors
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Springfield, MO 65804
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Stanley Bunch

NOTE: The Audit Committee did not meet in 2022 due to the professional audit being done.



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Fellow Servants,

Thank you for your faithfulness and steadfastness in serving our Lord. Serving Christ is challenging and exciting. Our potential through the leadership and power of the Holy Spirit is unlimited. This is a good time to be serving God.

2021 was a record COOP giving year. Thank you for your faithfulness to support every Free Will Baptist ministry around the world through COOPERATIVE giving.

The MOFWB State Association is doing several things that are of great blessing. Our state association is consistently among the top three givers to the National Executive Office which oversees and leads our denominational ministry. We have a unique plan of retirement for qualifying pastors. All state ministry boards are working together and financing scholarships for FWB ministerial students from our colleges to attend the annual MOFWB Minister's Retreat. Those same state ministry boards also help finance the MOFWB Pastoral Care fund which makes counseling service available for pastors and their families when they may feel the need for a simple checkup to talk through some concerns with a mental health professional or seek guidance for a more serious situation. All the counselors suggested by the MOFWB State Office are Christians with a biblical world view. This service has been a great blessing for many couples and individuals. Thank you!

Church Revitalization and Restarts are current and needed hot topics. Several pastors and leaders in our state have been involved in coaching and training for church revitalization through our National Executive Office. This is proving to be a blessing for congregations that may find themselves plateaued or dropping in attendance. Please contact Steve Reeves (Missouri Missions Director) or me for more information.

Several actions will need to be taken rather soon in our churches if we will be effective.

- A deep abiding conviction that our purpose is to glorify God and that I will need to love people where they are more than I curse the darkness in which they are living. This will require grace and flexibility.
- Make prayer meeting a prayer meeting, with major emphasis on prayer for the lost
- An emphasis (especially from the pulpit) with practical training on personal evangelism (soul winning)
- Follow up of new converts with an intentional and consistent family discipleship ministry
- Church mergers - two or three geographically close congregations merging into one. (In some cases, this will require humility, repentance, and a willingness to submit)
- Pastors who care for more than one congregation. (circuit rider) This will require a strong work ethic, sacrifice, and congregations that focus on God being glorified through their willingness to adapt & adjust.

As the MOFWB Executive Director my heart desire is to see all of our congregations experiencing conversion growth, baptisms, disciples graduating from our local discipleship training programs, and God's glory filling our meetings. The key to all of this will be pastors who's heart has been broken, made contrite, and willing to commit to a long hard road ahead. May God begin with me and you. Thank you for the privilege of serving with you.

Blessings to you,

Stanley Bunch

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2021 COOP Receipts by Church / Individual / Association

Alton	\$400.00	Leadington	\$8,920.00
Amity	\$1,469.80	Lebanon 1st	\$32,967.07
Aulsbury Chapel	\$3,888.54	Lebanon Green Hills	\$4,376.30
Awakening	\$944.50	Liberty	\$1,285.10
Bailey	\$6,343.00	Liberty - Gatewood	\$990.30
Bailey Chapel	\$1,460.00	LifePoint	\$650.00
Beacon	\$9,400.00	Marshfield	\$3,283.09
Belton	\$5,173.78	Mill Creek	\$4,957.77
Bethel- El Dorado Springs	\$3,183.15	Mine La Motte	\$463.72
Bethel- Marshfield	\$7,357.71	Monett 1st	\$4,753.00
Black Oak	\$5,179.78	Mosaic	\$6,481.19
Byrd	\$3,459.57	Mountain Grove 1st	\$18,978.30
Calvary Chapel	\$17,915.78	Mt. Pisgah	\$5,095.00
Calvary Fellowship	\$30,841.58	Neosho 1st	\$7,153.00
Central	\$7,024.38	Nevada	\$8,805.76
Christ Chapel	\$13,868.00	New Harmony	\$3,000.00
Clifton Sunday School	\$124.65	New Home- Lebanon	\$1,554.00
Copper Mines	\$12,101.73	New Hope	\$3,821.00
Cornerstone	\$1,097.17	New Life- Licking	\$5,151.62
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$729.00	Number One	\$300.00
Cuba	\$6,927.00	O'Fallon 1st	\$56,361.62
De Soto 1st	\$23,675.00	Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$3,171.04
Faith- Fair Grove	\$3,772.20	Oak Hill	\$6,597.00
Faith & Hope- Aurora	\$665.85	Olivet	\$266.00
Faith Chapel	\$5,739.47	One Accord	\$3,419.90
Farmington 1st	\$41,886.21	Ozark 1st	\$50,667.70
Fellowship	\$22,185.00	Ozark 1st - Heritage Campus	\$3,518.50
First Day	\$12,235.51	Park Hills 1st	\$9,766.84
Fordland	\$17,927.00	Parkview	\$4,740.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$6,843.00	Pleasant Home	\$2,312.45
Freeman Chapel	\$6,865.10	Pleasant Ridge- Alton	\$150.00
Generations	\$7,250.94	Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$2,065.00
Good News	\$3,327.84	Purdy 1st	\$6,000.00
Gospel Light	\$4,800.00	Rejoice	\$8,796.02
Grace	\$19,094.03	Republic	\$7,478.39
Grace Fellowship	\$6,950.00	Resolve	\$1,200.00
Grace Pointe	\$2,500.00	Restore	\$1,784.00
Grant Avenue	\$7,284.93	Richwoods 1st	\$3,407.00
Hannon	\$12,451.61	Rock Chapel	\$7,847.41
Happy Home	\$424.80	Safe Harbor	\$900.00
Hartville	\$20,479.82	Seymour	\$7,640.00
Hazel Creek	\$10,775.30	Smyrna	\$1,073.00
Hopewell	\$9,887.30	South Fremont	\$2,523.80
Houston 1st	\$6,521.22	Springfield 1st	\$11,026.00
Hurryville	\$4,221.00	Stockton	\$2,336.16
Kings Way	\$2,400.00	Stonebridge	\$11,341.54
Koshkonong	\$2,013.28	Thayer	\$23,612.00

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Trinity	\$9,978.20	Victory- KC	\$6,907.13
Trinity- Cabool	\$150.00	Waynesville 1st	\$9,474.48
Twin Oak	\$8,405.66	West Plains 1st	\$24,663.00
Union	\$240.00	Wilderness	\$1,611.80
Union Light	\$2,151.80	Willow Springs	\$6,015.41
United	\$27,179.90	Wolf Creek	\$13,427.00
Unity	\$6,040.00		
Verdella	\$10,067.84	Total Designated COOP	\$902,453.07
Viburnum	\$2,994.00		
Victory- Alton	\$9,093.73		

2021 Show-Me Receipts by Church / Individual / Association

Aulsbury Chapel	\$90.00	Hartville	\$2,073.05
Beacon	\$1,500.00	Hopewell	\$70.39
Belton	\$2,100.00	Hopewell WAC	\$275.00
Bethel- El Dorado Springs Aux	\$600.00	Indian Creek Association	\$12,123.63
Black Oak	\$2,751.55	Jason Sander	\$286.92
Brent Emmerson	\$600.00	Jerry Rader	\$200.00
Bruce Moore	\$1,200.00	Jones Chapel	\$600.00
Byrd	\$275.00	Josh Provow	\$600.00
Caleb Duncan	\$24.01	Ken Bailey	\$600.00
Calvary Chapel	\$450.00	Leadington	\$3,294.00
Central	\$1,350.00	Lebanon 1st	\$7,520.91
Charles Rodgers	\$400.00	Lebanon 1st Women	\$1,853.30
Cheryl Bell	\$675.00	Lebanon Green Hills	\$1,642.89
Cleo Reeder	\$360.00	Liberty Association	\$3,207.00
Coon Creek	\$225.00	LifePoint	\$650.00
Copper Mines	\$2,161.13	Lucille Franklin	\$900.00
Cross Roads- Lebanon	\$160.00	Macedonia - Purdy	\$57,000.00
Cuba	\$1,316.00	Maria Hanna - Trinity	\$200.00
De Soto 1st	\$10,411.00	Mill Creek	\$840.00
Farmington 1st	\$9,235.00	Mine La Motte	\$1,800.00
Farmington 1st- WAC	\$600.00	Mission Association	\$5,724.40
Fellowship	\$3,474.00	MO Women's Ministry	\$3,153.00
First Day	\$2,730.98	MOFWB	\$300.00
Fordland	\$545.00	Mosaic	\$300.00
Fredericktown 1st	\$1,640.00	Mountain Grove 1st	\$5,165.00
Freeman Chapel	\$8,640.00	Mt. Pisgah	\$3,652.26
Gary Tune	\$580.00	Mt. Pisgah WAC	\$283.32
Generations	\$2,087.99	Mt. Zion- "Cuba"	\$960.00
Generations Womens Outreach	\$150.00	Mt. Zion- Thayer	\$30.00
Gospel Light	\$10,600.00	Myrtle	\$2,070.23
Grace	\$5,607.00	Neosho 1st	\$2,725.00
Happy Hill	\$720.00	New Beginning FWB Ministries	\$100.00

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New Hope	\$2,400.00	Springfield 1st WAC	\$1,350.00
New Life- Licking	\$939.00	St. Francois Association	\$5,381.65
Nicholas Myers	\$360.00	Stockton	\$1,535.50
Number One	\$720.00	Stockton Auxiliary	\$525.00
O'Fallon 1st	\$37,879.04	Stonebridge	\$1,150.00
Oak Grove- Mtn. Grove	\$1,156.00	Thayer	\$9,132.00
Oak Hill	\$480.00	Trinity	\$1,215.00
Olivet	\$200.00	Trisa Johnson	\$286.92
Ozark 1st	\$6,392.80	Twin Oak Auxiliary	\$660.00
Ozark 1st - Heritage Campus	\$1,650.00	Union	\$180.00
Park Hills 1st	\$703.23	Union Grove	\$47.75
Parkview	\$28.00	Union Light	\$4,200.00
Parkway	\$300.00	United	\$5,700.00
Pleasant Grove- Anderson	\$1,200.00	Unity	\$2,940.00
Pleasant Home	\$2,200.00	Verdella	\$10,067.84
Pleasant Ridge- Urbana	\$840.00	Viburnum	\$330.00
Porter Chapel	\$6,602.50	Victory- KC	\$1,975.25
Purdy 1st	\$2,400.00	Virginia Bunton	\$2,400.00
Rejoice	\$315.00	Walnut Grove	\$483.49
Republic	\$1,105.00	Warren Hall	\$25.00
Resolve	\$1,200.00	Waynelle Scott	\$500.00
RHP Commission	\$312.04	Waynesville 1st	\$7,046.26
Richard Garner	\$23.97	West Plains 1st	\$1,055.00
Richwoods 1st	\$2,184.24	West Plains 1st WNAC	\$425.00
Rock Chapel	\$2,400.00	Willow Springs	\$1,643.92
Rodney Bunton	\$3,600.00	Wolf Creek	\$2,400.00
Ruth Richardson	\$322.94		
Ruth Van Genderen	\$1,630.00		
South Fremont	\$266.70		
Southeast Association	\$480.00		
Springfield 1st	\$4,375.00		
		Total Designated Show Me Plan	\$340,780.00

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2021 Total Designated Giving by Church/Individuals

Giving by Category

African Children's Mission.....	\$1,740.00
Berea Ministries.....	\$1,020.00
Ch-TN*	\$17,632.48
Curt, Cliff & Opal Young Children's Home	\$326.00
Family Ministries*	\$1,245.00
Fermin Sanchez	\$275.00
Florence Crittenton Home - AR*	\$296.00
Getsemani Children's Home	\$265.00
International Missions	\$251,931.33
Issachar Center	\$2,013.56
Maggie House - AR*	\$207.00
MO FWB CE Board	\$308.02
MO FWB Senior Adult Board	\$308.02
MO FWB Youth Ministries Board	\$308.02
National Home Missions	\$39,815.87
Rainbow Ministries	\$470.00
Randall U	\$6,358.00
Rest of the Family	\$256.75
State Home Missions.....	\$65,283.41
Welch College	\$8,032.00
WNAC	\$570.01
Youth Camp	\$16,504.61
Youth Camp Development.....	\$3,100.36
Total	\$418,266.44
Total COOP.....	\$902,453.07
Total SMP	\$340,780.00
Total.....	\$1,243,233.07
Total Giving By Churches /Individuals	\$1,661,499.51

* Owned and operated by the Tennessee State Association

2021 Cooperative Disbursements

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

21.5%	General/Executive Fund	\$194,723.84
19%	MO Missions.....	\$171,466.08
8.5%	Youth Camp	\$76,012.08
2%	Youth Ministries	\$18,049.06
2%	Christian Education	\$18,049.06
2%	Senior Adult Ministries	\$18,049.06
9%	State Retirement	\$81,220.78
3%	Show-Me	\$27,073.59
33%	Total National Ministries	\$297,809.51
	Randall U (= .1121 deducted from Total National).....	\$33,384.45
	Adjusted National (= Total National minus Randall U portion).....	\$264,425.07
	Total COOP Disbursed	\$902,453.07

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2021 General Executive Fund Budget & Actual Expenditures

	<u>2021 Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
2019 Closing Balance Exec. & General Fund	\$196,224.45	
2020 Proposed Exec. & General Income	\$241,580.00	
Total Proposed Balance	\$437,804.45	
Proposed 2020 Expenses	\$218,975.00	
Proposed 2021 Balance Forward	\$218,829.45	\$171,906.67

Projected 2021 Receipts

COOP	\$183,700.00	\$194,723.84
Designated Contribution		\$100.00
GEM	\$12,000.00	\$11,611.92
Interest	\$30.00	\$20.08
Misc. Income		\$223.00
Nat'l Hosting 2025		\$3,401.00
Refund & Reimbursement Income		\$3,845.50
Retreats	\$9,000.00	\$9,885.00
Randall House	\$2,500.00	\$2,288.20
Rep Fees (Sent to Nat'l Office)	\$22,350.00	\$25,610.00
Brotherhood Mutual Dividend	\$10,000.00	
Internal QuickBooks Transfers		\$298.73
State Meeting Income	\$1,000.00	\$1,348.96
Total Projected Receipts	\$240,580.00	\$253,356.23

Total Receipts + Balance Forward	\$459,409.45	\$425,262.90
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Proposed 2021 Expenditures

Bank Fees	\$75.00	\$60.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,900.79
Branson Land Interest Disbursements		\$9,275.00
Building Maintenance Taxes & Ins.	\$5,000.00	\$5,107.61
Digest of Reports	\$1,300.00	\$1,531.00
Exec. Director Conference/Seminar	\$2,000.00	
Bereavement Memorials	\$300.00	\$826.00
Gem Printing & Postage	\$15,000.00	\$15,621.37
Ministers Retreat	\$9,800.00	\$10,094.49
Misc.	\$1,000.00	\$661.41
National Convention Expense	\$2,000.00	\$2,076.72
Nat'l Rep. Fee	\$22,350.00	\$25,375.00
Office Postage	\$950.00	\$1,372.67
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	\$3,200.00	\$7,785.57
Payroll, taxes & withholding *	\$112,000.00	\$116,732.85
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$200.00	-\$114.53
Reimbursements/Refunds	\$250.00	\$826.50
Revitalization Expense (Reimbursed)		\$298.73
Seminars/Conferences - St. Association	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
State Meeting	\$6,000.00	\$7,049.54

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2021 General Executive Fund Budget & Actual Expenditures con't

Subscriptions & Dues	\$150.00	\$0.00
Telephone/Internet	\$3,850.00	\$3,459.42
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$7,200.00	\$9,930.62
Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$1,507.79
Website	\$400.00	\$410.32
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Account	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Projected Expenditures	\$213,125.00	\$235,788.87
 Projected Balance Dec. 31, 2021	 \$246,284.45	 \$189,474.03

*Report available upon request

2021 Gem Magazine Billing Report

12 out of 86 Churches did not return their subscription renewal.
53 out of 163 Individuals did not return their subscription renewal.

- 1333 copies of the GEM were mailed in December 2021.
- There are 44 subscribers that receive the GEM by email.

GEM Income:	\$11,611.92
GEM Expense:	\$15,621.37

Cost Subsidized by MOFWB General/Executive Fund totalled \$4,009.45

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Proposed 2023 & Approved 2022 General Executive Fund Budgets

	2023 Proposed Budget	2022 Approved Budget
2021 Closing Balance Exec. & General Fund	\$189,474.03	\$181,906.67
2022 Proposed Exec. & General Income	\$238,425.00	\$240,580.00
Total Proposed Balance	\$427,899.03	\$422,486.67
Proposed 2022 Expenses	\$216,685.00	\$213,125.00
Propose 2023 Balance Forward	\$211,214.03	\$209,361.67
Projected 2023 Receipts		
COOP	\$182,750.00	\$180,400.00
GEM	\$11,000.00	\$8,000.00
Interest	\$20.00	\$25.00
Retreats	\$11,000.00	\$10,250.00
Randall House	\$2,365.00	\$2,500.00
Rep Fees (Sent to Nat'l Office) (148@\$175)	\$25,000.00	\$25,550.00
Brotherhood Mutual Dividend		\$10,000.00
State Meeting Income	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00
Misc Income (Nat'l Hosting fees, etc)	\$8,000.00	\$500.00
Branson Land Interest - to be disbursed	\$9,500.00	
Total Projected Receipts	\$251,035.00	\$238,425.00
Total Receipts + Balance Forward	\$462,249.03	\$447,786.67
Proposed 2023 Expenditures		
Bank Fees	\$60.00	\$60.00
Board & Committee Expenses	\$6,500.00	\$5,500.00
Building Maintenance Taxes & Ins.	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00
Digest of Reports	\$1,650.00	\$1,300.00
Exec. Director Conference/Seminar	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Bereavement Memorials	\$400.00	\$400.00
Gem Printing & Postage	\$17,000.00	\$15,000.00
Retreats	\$12,500.00	\$10,000.00
Misc.	\$650.00	\$450.00
National Convention Expense	\$2,200.00	\$1,800.00
Nat'l Rep. Fee	\$25,000.00	\$25,550.00
Office Postage	\$1,400.00	\$925.00
Office supplies and equipment maintenance	\$3,200.00	\$3,000.00
Payroll, taxes & withholding *	\$118,000.00	\$118,000.00
Reconciliation & Discrepancies	\$100.00	\$100.00
Reimbursements/Refunds	\$550.00	\$200.00
Seminars/Conferences - St. Association	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
State Meeting	\$6,500.00	\$4,500.00
Subscriptions & Dues	\$250.00	\$150.00
Telephone/Internet	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Travel/Promotion/Auto	\$9,000.00	\$4,500.00
Utilities	\$2,200.00	\$3,000.00
Website	\$500.00	\$400.00
Deposit to Foundation Exec. Account	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total Projected Expenditures	\$228,760.00	\$216,685.00
Projected Balance Dec. 31, 2023	\$233,489.03	\$231,101.67

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2023 Proposed Coop Budget Disbursement

21.5%	General/Executive Fund	\$182,750.00
19%	MO Missions	\$161,500.00
8.5%	Youth Camp	\$72,250.00
2%	Youth Ministries	\$17,000.00
2%	Christian Education	\$17,000.00
2%	Senior Adult Ministries	\$17,000.00
9%	State Retirement	\$76,500.00
3%	Show-Me	\$25,500.00
33%	Total National Ministries	\$280,500.00
	Randall U (deducted from National .1121)	\$31,444.05
	Adjusted National	\$249,055.95
	Total Disbursed	\$850,000.00

2023 Projected Income From Brotherhood Mutual

Brotherhood Mutual Partner Payment	10,000.00
Total Disbursed	\$10,000.00*

*Note: These funds are not guaranteed and may be disbursed to any of our locally held misc. accounts depending upon receipt and need.

2023 Projected Income From Randall House Commission

Randall House Literature Commissions

21.5%	General/Executive Fund	\$2,365.00
19.0%	MO Missions	\$2,090.00
9.0%	State Retirement	\$990.00
8.5%	Youth Camp	\$935.00
3.0%	Show-Me	\$330.00
2.0%	Youth Ministries	\$220.00
2.0%	Christian Education	\$220.00
2.0%	Senior Adult Ministries	\$220.00
33.0%	Book Store Foundation Fund	\$3,630.00

Total Disbursed **\$11,000.00**

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Miscellaneous Accounts Maintained Locally January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Executive Mission Account*

Balance Forward	\$8,922.54	
Receipts:		
Donor Info Available Upon Request *	\$3,454.00	
Total	\$3,454.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$12,376.54	
Disbursements:		
Reimbursement Expense	\$1,150.00	
Total	\$1,150.00	
Working Balance		\$11,226.54

* This account is funded from speaking honorariums given to the Executive Director.

Historical Preservation Fund

Balance Forward	\$6,091.46	
Receipts:		
Misc. Income	\$235.00	
Total	\$235.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$6,326.46	
Disbursements:		
None	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	
Working Balance		\$6,326.46

Building Improvements Fund

Balance Forward	\$10,000.00	
Receipts:		
Brotherhood Partner Payment	\$10,000.00	
Brotherhood Partner Payment - for Auto Replacement	\$15,000.00	
Total	\$25,000.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$35,000.00	
Disbursements:		
none	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	
Working Balance		\$35,000.00

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Scholarship Fund

Balance Forward	\$9,804.98	
Receipts:		
Portion of Interest on Branson Land Sale	\$3,478.12	
Total	\$3,478.12	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$13,283.10	
Disbursements:		
Welch		
Rebekah Chapman	\$1,000.00	
Ellie Simpson	\$500.00	
Liberty University		
Jacob Jones	\$500.00	
Scott Collins	\$500.00	
Total	\$2,500.00	
Working Balance		\$10,783.10

Pastoral Care Fund

Balance Forward	\$2,195.75	
Receipts:		
none	\$0.00	
Total	\$0.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$2,195.75	
Disbursements:		
Various Counselling Services	\$1,500.00	
Total	\$1,500.00	
Working Balance		\$695.75

Revitalization Fund

Balance Forward	\$80,048.87	
Receipts:		
Brotherhood Partner Payment	\$10,000.00	
Donation (former Book Store space)	\$8,800.00	
Misc Income	\$175.00	
Total	\$18,975.00	
Receipts + Balance Forward	\$99,023.87	
Disbursements:		
Revitalization Expense	\$2,906.73	
Total	\$2,906.73	
Working Balance		\$96,117.14

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MOFWB Executive Office Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

Current Assets in Commerce Bank, Lebanon, MO

Revitalization	\$96,117.14
Executive Mission.....	\$11,226.54
General/Executive Fund.....	\$189,474.03
Historical Preservation Fund.....	\$6,326.46
Pastoral Care Fund.....	\$695.75
Building Improvements	\$35,000.00
Scholarship Fund.....	\$10,783.10
QuickBooks - Other	\$-8.65
TOTAL.....	\$349,614.37

Current Assets In FWB Foundation

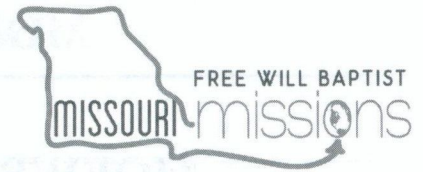
Executive Trust	\$425,141.82
Retirement Trust.....	\$179,373.59
Stewardship Trust.....	\$26,844.51
Bookstore.....	\$87,611.25
Scholarship	\$24,868.11

Misc. Assets

State Office Building.....	\$350,000.00
Office Equipment.....	\$75,000.00
Youth Camp	\$5,500,000.00
Total	\$5,925,000.00



MOFWB Executive Office MO FWB Mission Board



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June 8, 2022

Brothers and Sisters,

We have a situation that borders on being critical and only God has the solution. As a member of the body of Christ, and a part of the FWB community, you are affected regardless of how well your local church may appear to be doing.

In 2020 the Missouri Free Will Baptist State Association received reports from 142 churches. That is a drop of 33 churches since 2012. Some have simply disassociated. Some have closed.

In the same 2020 report we record 102 baptisms (.75 baptisms per church average), 179 members added, 189 members lost, Sunday School enrollment of 3313, and a membership of 8286 souls. We report 200 ordained ministers, yet over 15 churches without a pastor.

We would like to propose some goals and spiritual growth opportunities for 2023. These goals are of such a nature that they will not be attained apart from God's leadership and blessing.

E-23 MOFWB GOALS EVANGELISM 2023

*If you are a pastor or church leader these goals may be personal and help you to model these disciplines to your congregation. May they also serve to help you challenge your members to establish personal and congregational goals.

- _____ Conversions & baptisms – Please pray about a goal for conversions and baptisms.
 - Prayer is vital & foundational
 - E-23 Evangelism Conference August 27, 2022 (all Ministry Boards involved)
- _____ Personal gospel presentations (I will prayerfully ask God to help me and the people I lead to transition daily conversations with unsaved people into gospel conversations.
 - Prayer for a personal burden to reach lost souls
 - Training in gospel presentation (3 Circles, etc.)
 - Training in how to transition a daily conversation into a gospel conversation.
- _____ Men called into the ministry
 - Prayer to the Lord of the harvest
 - Training tools from the MOFWB CE Board
 - Scholarships
 - College training (online & on campus)
- 10% increase in giving
- 5 new churches planted (_____ families or pastors to answer the call to start a new church)
 - 1 by MMB, 2 by tentmakers with a burden for an area, 2 by local churches starting new churches
 - Lead _____ churches to merge
 - Help _____ pastors to shepherd more than one congregation.
 - Lead _____4_____ congregations to mother or foster a struggling church.

Stanley Bunch
Steve Reeves



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This past year has been a joy serving you. I am so honored to represent Missouri FWB in Missions. I am thankful to Frank Webster for a smooth transition and for his invaluable help. I would also like to thank Stan and Carrie for their help. We have a wonderful sense of unity in the state office. We are blessed to have our executive director.

There have been many wonderful things happening in our state works.

Resolve Church at Osage Beach became an autonomous church on January 1, 2022. David and Kathy Beltz have done a fantastic job as the church continues to grow and reach lost people. They baptized 7 precious people during 2021.

Grace Fellowship at Cape Girardeau had a good year in 2021. They were probably the hardest hit by Covid of our four works. In January the church assumed the salary of Matthew and Jennifer Cromer. They are also sending back money each month for Ray and Carley Paxton. They recently had 99 attend 'Friend Day'.

Mosaic in Rolla experienced significant growth in 2021. They began the year in the 50's and now their attendance now regularly tops the 100 mark. They have had significant growth in their small groups and discipleship groups. They baptized 2 people in 2021.

Restore Church in Potosi got off to a great start in September. They had 50 people at their launch service. They are continually adding ministries and outreach events. Rob goes to our state prison in Potosi every Monday and shares the Gospel with about 60 inmates, many of whom are on death row.

Cody Alley continues to serve as our Medical Chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Lebanon. He has become a pastor to the staff of the hospital as well as to many of the patients and families there. Cody continually has opportunities to share the Gospel and to encourage the hurting.

Reports from our NAM missionaries...

Webster – Florida. Frank and Debbie have about 10 people attending a weekly Bible Study for those who have little or no Bible knowledge. They have two couples that have made a commitment to be a part of the new church.

Garrett – Illinois. The work in Champaign welcomed Ed and Rachel Goode as the new lead church planter. The church did very well during the transition to new leadership.

Schmidt – New Mexico. Covid has been very hard on this new work. State laws prevented them from meeting for an extended period of time. They have 10 people who attend a weekly Bible Study and they hope to have a second group meeting by the end of 2022.

Captain David Dodson – Florida – Serving with the Green Beret. Please pray for the men and the families David serves. Marital problems and divorce rates are high among this group because the soldiers are away from home for months at a time.

Major Kevin Trimble – California. Kevin is training chaplains who are being deployed with combat troops. He also pastors the post church each week.

Reports from our IM missionaries...

Bailey – Japan. Ken and Judy returned to the field in 2021. They are teaming with the Carneys to reach out to the city of Tokyo.

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McDonald – Japan. Ruth has taken the director position of the WNAC and will be assuming her new role November 1, 2022. Please pray for Don and Ruth as they transition back to the USA.

Provow – Bulgaria. Josh returned to Bulgaria in January of 2022. He is working with the Svishtov Church. He is primarily working in evangelism and mens ministry.

Driscolls are still working in Shumen. They are in the states right now for stateside assignment.

Turnbough – Spain. Matthew and Brooke are doing well. The church in Villalba is mostly back to normal and the ministry there continues to grow.

Duncan – Ecuador. Adam and Carol and their family arrived in Ecuador on March 17, 2022. They began language study on March 21. They will be in Quito until they finish studying Spanish. Then they will make the move to Misahualli.

Listed below are the totals for missions funds that came through the state office.

Show Me Plan	\$367,853.58
Designated State	\$65,283.41
Designated National	\$39,815.87
Designated International	\$251,931.33

Total missions giving through State Office \$724,884.19 (Up \$102,242.70 or 14%)

We had a good year in giving to the Show Me Plan. This means of support continues to be a blessing to our IM, NAM and Missouri state missionaries. Thanks for your faithfulness in support and prayers. Thanks to all our pastor for making this happen.

I would like to encourage each pastor and each church to support and promote 'Show Me Share Sunday' each year on the last Sunday of January. Show Me Shares are now \$30.00 per month or \$360.00 per year.

Show Me Plan for 2023. We propose that SMP include...

IM (60% of SMP)

Ken and Judy Bailey – Tokyo, Japan 25%
Team Shumen – Bulgaria (Provow, Driscoll) 25%
Matthew and Brooke Turnbough – Villalba, Spain 25%
Adam and Carol Duncan – Misahualli, Ecuador 25%

NAM (10% of SMP)

Frank and Debbie Webster – The Villages, Florida (3.3%)
Adam and Rebecca Garrett – Champaign, Illinois. (3.3%)
Steve and Amanda Schmidt – Albuquerque, New Mexico. (3.3%)

MO State Church Planters (30% of SMP)

Ray and Carley Paxton – Cape Girardeau, MO
Faron and Abigail Thebeau and Josh and Eleanor Chapman – Rolla, MO
Rob and Lisa Gerst – Potosi, MO
Possible New Work in 2023

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"Missions exists because worship doesn't" – John Piper. Because men don't worship God we are called to go into the world and share the Good News. We are called, not to start churches, but to make disciples of Jesus. When we make disciples new churches will be a natural by-product.

We need a church planting movement. New churches will see more conversions and baptisms and will grow faster. During the 1940's - 1960's Missouri FWB planted churches in every part of the state. Almost all were led by bi-vocational pastors. I am praying for God to lead us in this way again. Our new works will come about in three ways:

1. Through MMB traditional church plants and restarts.
2. Through tent maker pastors.
3. Through churches and associations mothering new works.

We need all three if we are going to reverse the trends of the last 20 years.

Thanks for your prayers on our behalf as we represent you in this most important effort of reaching lost people and planting new churches. We could accomplish nothing without you. Together We Reach Out Further!

~ Steve, Mo Missions Director

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Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements for General Fund

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Balance Forward 12/31/2020	\$50,000.00	\$60,759.89
Show Me Plan	\$100,000.00	\$110,672.78
CO-OP	\$156,000.00	\$171,466.08
Designated State Missions	\$30,000.00	\$65,283.41
Misc Income (Returned Salary, gifts, etc.)	\$60,000.00	\$32,075.40
Total Projected Gifts + Balance Forward	\$396,000.00	\$440,257.56
Disbursements		
Director Salary and Bonus	\$59,280.00	\$53,716.00
Health Insurance	\$5,400.00	\$5,409.12
Health Savings Account	\$2,000.00	\$1,637.00
State Planter Salaries, Housing & Bonuses	\$218,000.00	\$230,210.00
Missionary Expense (Mileage, Training)	\$5,000.00	\$6,087.64
Travel/Auto Expense	\$10,000.00	\$8,012.97
Office/Promotion	\$6,000.00	\$7,666.66
Church Health	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Women's Ministry	\$3,600.00	\$3,575.00
Mission Trips	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Board Meeting Expense	\$4,000.00	\$2,299.53
Future Auto Purchase	\$20,000.00	\$18,200.00
Property Management	\$6,000.00	\$15,662.25
Future State Project	\$6,000.00	\$2,500.00
Misc.	\$5,000.00	\$6,678.90
Total Budgeted Disbursements	\$356,280.00	\$361,655.07
Projected Ending Balance for 2021	\$39,720.00	\$78,602.49
		Actual Ending

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Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements for Show Me Plan

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Beginning Cash Balance	\$0.00
Total 2021 Receipts	\$367,853.58
Disbursements – IM 60%	
Bailey (25%)	\$55,178.04
McDonald (15%)	\$33,106.82
Provow (25%)	\$55,178.04
Turnbough (15%)	\$33,106.82
Duncan (20%)	\$44,142.43
Disbursements – NAM 10%	
Equally distributed monthly: Webster, Garrett, Schmidt	\$36,785.36
Disbursements – MOFWB Missions - 30%	\$110,356.07
Total Disbursements	\$367,853.58
Balance Ending December 31, 2021	\$0.00

Statement of Cash Receipts & Disbursements for Perpetual Loan Fund

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Beginning Cash Balance	\$52,065.40
Receipts:	
Designated Giving	
Loan Receipts	\$34,347.05
Property Sale	\$37,159.00
Insurance Receipts	\$22,635.50
Total Income	\$94,141.55
Beginning Balance	\$146,206.95
Property Expense	\$30,935.50
Loans	
Sent to Foundation Account	\$40,000.00
Panama Church Gift	\$5,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$75,935.50
Balance Ending December 31, 2021	\$70,271.45

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Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for FWB Foundation Accounts

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

FUTURE STATE PROJECT

Beginning Balance	\$ 62,480.74	
Deposits to Account	\$ 0.00	
Interest	\$ 1,356.84	
Withdraws	\$ 15,000.00	
Balance of Account		\$ 48,837.58

FUTURE NATIONAL PROJECT

Beginning Balance	\$ 27,490.90	
Deposits to Account	\$ 4,498.06	
Interest	\$ 312.01	
Withdraws	\$ 25,000.00	
Balance of Account		\$ 7,300.97

GENERAL FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 109,960.76	
Interest	\$ 2,969.92	
Deposits	\$ 0.00	
Withdrawals	\$ 0.00	
Balance of Account		\$ 112,930.68

PERPETUAL LOAN FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 419,626.33	
Interest	\$ 0.00	
Deposits to Account	\$ 40,000.00	
Withdraws	\$ 0.00	
Interest	\$ 11,983.70	
Balance of Account		\$ 471,610.03

PROJECT DEBT FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 535.07	
Deposits	\$ 535.07	
Interest	\$ 8.66	
Balance of Account		\$ 543.73

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Balance Sheet - Ending December 31, 2021

Cash Assets Accounts

Cash in Bank – General Fund	\$ 78,602.49
Cash in Bank – Perpetual Loan Fund	\$ 70,271.45
Cash in Bank – General Fund (FWB Foundation)	\$112,930.68
Cash in Bank – Perpetual Loan Fund (FWB Foundation)	\$471,610.03
Cash in Bank – Future State Work (FWB Foundation)	\$ 48,837.58
Cash in Bank – Future National Work (FWB Foundation)	\$ 7,300.97
Cash in Bank – Project Debt Fund (FWB Foundation)	\$. 543.73

Total Cash Assets **\$790,096.93**

Outstanding Loan Balances

Blue Springs	\$29,708.42
Columbia	\$8,480.82
Nevada	\$4,484.73
Osage Beach	\$194,200.00
Rolla	\$130,362.62
Troy	\$6,405.20

Total Loan Assets **\$373,641.79**

Total Assets in Cash and Loans **\$1,163,738.72**

Properties With Bank Loans Via Mission Board

	<u>Valued</u>	<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Equity</u>
Blue Springs	\$525,000.00	\$187,339.31	\$337,660.69
Independence	\$115,000.00	\$21,236.51	\$93,763.49
Republic	\$700,000.00	\$74,269.98	\$625,730.02
St. Clair	\$650,000.00	\$345,075.14	\$304,924.86
Troy	\$400,000.00	\$95,965.66	\$304,034.34
Union	\$450,000.00	\$16,642.26	\$433,357.74
Balance	\$2,840,000.00	\$740,528.86	\$2,099,471.14

Total Equity **\$3,263,209.86**

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Proposed 2023 Budget for Mission Office

Expected 2022 Balance Forward		31,000.00
Show-Me Plan	108,000.00	
CO-OP	162,000.00	
Designated State Missions	50,000.00	
Returned for salary	50,000.00	
Total Balance Forward + gifts		401,000.00
Disbursements		
Director Salary & Bonus	53,300.00	
Health Insurance	5,700.00	
HSA (Health Savings Account)	2,000.00	
State Planter Salaries, housing & bonus	250,000.00	
Potosi – 36,000 Rolla – 100,000 (55,000 Faron, 45,000 Josh)		
Cape – 50,000 New Work – 64,000		
Missionary Expenses (Conference mileage and training opportunities)	5,000.00	
Travel / Auto Expense	11,000.00	
Office/ Promotional Materials	7,000.00	
Church Health	2,000.00	
Women's Ministry	4,000.00	
Mission Trip Allowance	3,000.00	
Board Expense	4,000.00	
Future Auto Purchase	5,000.00	
Property Management	20,000.00	
Move to Future State Project Fund	5,000.00	
Misc	5,000.00	
Total Proposed Disbursements		\$ 382,000.00
Projected Ending Balance for 2022		\$19,000.00



Senior Adult Ministries

The members of the Senior Adults Ministries Board are honored to serve the retirees of Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptist. In the past year we have held the retreat at Branson in October of 2021. We had a great meeting with a little over 100 in attendance. This years retreat will be October 17 & 18 at the Lodge of the Ozarks with the same speakers and musicians.

We have been able to give monetary gifts to other boards and projects. We are also able to provide literature to help churches with their retiree ministry. Dr. Doug Earls is available to visit churches and association meetings to help retiree ministries.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Wayne Phillips, Chairman
Ronnie Blanks, Treasurer
Don Anderson
Doug Earls
Jerry Pinkerton

Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Balance from December 31, 2020 **\$59,242.39**

Receipts for 2021:

Co-op	\$16,966.85
Bruce Moore	\$ 150.00
Randall House Rebates	\$ 153.42
Registration and T shirts	\$ 7,747.00
Total Income	\$25,017.27

Total Working Balance **\$84,259.66**

Disbursements for 2021:

Books for retreat	\$ 762.49
Bookkeeping fees	\$ 90.00
Retreat Preparations	\$ 250.00
Office supplies, postage	\$ 221.63
T-shirts for retreat	\$ 612.66
Gift to Camp Niangua	\$6,000.00
Board mileage	\$1,891.28
Board meals	\$ 377.19
Music for retreat	\$2,200.00
Speakers for retreat	\$1,615.20
Meals for retreat	\$6,190.16
Retreat rentals	\$9,974.75
Retreat reimbursements	\$ 250.00
Total Disbursements	\$30,435.36

Balance in the Bank as of 12-31-21 **53,824.30**

Senior Adult Ministries con't

Proposed Budget for 2023

Ending Balance for 2021		\$53,824.30	
2022 Proposed Income		\$28,900.00	
Total			\$82,724.30
2022 Proposed Expenses		\$26,120.00	
Projected Balance Forward	\$56,604.30	\$56,604.30	
Proposed Income For 2023:			
COOP		\$17,000.00	
Retreat Income		\$12,000.00	
Other Income		\$ 1,000.00	
Total Income		\$30,000.00	
Total Income and Balance Forward			\$86,604.30
Proposes Expenses For 2023:			
Retreat Rentals and Meals		\$19,500.00	
Speakers and Singers		\$ 4,500.00	
Board Expenses		\$ 2,600.00	
Office Supplies, Postage		\$ 200.00	
Bookkeeping Fees		\$ 120.00	
Retreat Preparations		\$ 250.00	
Door Prizes for Retreat		\$ 600.00	
Total Expenses		\$27,770.00	
Proposed Balance			\$58,834.30



Youth Camp Board

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We are so grateful to have been able to have camp this summer. And not only our camps, but the nearly 2000 campers, sponsors and adults we've hosted this camp season!

We had 806 camp attendees over our three weeks of camp. We had 375 at Teen Camp, with the remaining 425 or so during our two weeks of Preteen Camp.

Teen Camp: Marc Neppi (Restore Church; Portsmouth, Virginia) was our evangelist for the week. During the morning sessions, we had seven breakout sessions that students could choose from. The morning chapel sessions were taught by Caleb Milling.

Preteen camp picked up where teen camp left off. Session One's evangelist was Joel Lauckner (Connect Church; Russellville, AR). The students had a classroom session in the morning where they studied a portion of the Beatitudes. Mark Henry (Green Top Church; Kirksville, MO) delivered the morning chapel message.

Session Two continued the exciting camp season. TJ Stout (Caudle FWB; Norwood, MO) was the evangelist for the week. Ben Ryan (West Plains First FWB; West Plains, MO) delivered the morning chapel messages.

During our camp sessions, we rejoice in the six salvations, two rededications, one call to missionary service, seven specific prayer items and three reports of students taking steps of faith in their spiritual lives.

2022 Camp Dates:

- Teen Camp: June 13-17
- Pre-Teen Camp Session 1: June 27-July 1
- Pre-Teen Camp Session 2: July 11-15

We've added a 7000 sq. ft. covering over the playground and old pool area. This created additional outdoor space and provide a dry and shaded area for our attendees to gather. The new space will also be lit, with lighting extended to the volleyball court behind the playground.

The difficult decision was made to raise rates for our rental groups this year. We haven't raised rates for 4-5 years, and with rising costs, this was something we needed to do. Daily rates for our rental groups will be \$20/day in 2022 (up from the previous \$15/day). Rates for our MOFWB camp sessions remain unchanged.

Andy Rains, Chairman
Dan Cottongim
Jacob Jones
Mark Henry
Tim Hodges

Youth Camp con't

MO State FWB Youth Camp Financial Report - General Account - January 1 - December 31, 2021

Cash On Hand January 1, 2021

\$ 104,629.19

Revenues

Interest & Ind. Contributions	\$ 15,418.51	
Churches & Assoc. Contrib.	\$ 18,940.30	
Cooperative Giving	\$ 77,034.87	
Reimbursements & Returns	\$955.54	
Registration	\$58,322.62	
Snack Shop	\$10,554.85	
Rentals	\$91,214.72	
Offerings	\$11,536.03	
Crafts	\$196.00	
Camp T-Shirts	\$6,425.15	
Total Revenues		\$290,598.59

Total Working Balance

\$395,227.78

Expenses

Telephone/Internet	\$3,689.36	
Electricity	\$24,201.48	
Propane	\$12,603.62	
Building Maint. & Supplies	\$29,055.90	
Honorariums, Reimb. & Returns	\$5,200.00	
First Aid	\$1,376.22	
Kitchen - Food	\$18,147.38	
Kitchen - Supplies	\$2,995.37	
Snack Center	\$7,754.24	
Crafts	\$87.69	
Playground, Pool, Camp Actv.	\$10,938.65	
Fuel & Oil	\$3,054.67	
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$10,178.19	
Insurance	\$29,514.28	
Printing, Postage & Lit.	\$3,705.60	
Accounting & Supplies	\$1,986.91	
Board Expense	\$1,553.98	
Special Offerings	\$5,463.06	
Misc.	\$1,620.81	
Camp Bookstore	\$0.00	
Debt Retirement	\$6,568.13	
Admin Salaries	\$40,961.18	
Summer Help Salaries	\$6,979.03	
Maintenance	\$6,604.29	
Benefits	\$15,000.00	
Federal Withholding	\$14,835.99	
State Withholding	\$1,276.50	
Total Expenses		\$265,352.53

Cash on Hand December 31, 2021

\$129,875.25

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Development & Foundation Accounts plus Debt Balance January 1 - December 31, 2021

Development Account

Beg. Cash on Hand		\$31,039.24
Revenues		
Interest	\$30.02	
Contrib./Offerings	\$3,447.34	
Memorials	\$1,260.00	
Foundation (Grant)	\$9,590.00	
Reimbursements	\$5,754.00	
Total Revenues		\$20,081.36
Total Working Balance		\$51,120.60
Expenses		
Pool/Playground		
Building Materials	\$30,808.33	
Fixtures	\$1,175.00	
Contract Labor	\$2,200.45	
Equip. Purch./Rent	\$2,558.90	
Total Expenses		\$36,742.68
End. Cash on Hand		\$14,377.92

Foundation Account

Beginning Balance, January 1		\$947.76
Plus Deposits		
Plus Interest January-June	\$12.88	
Total		\$960.64
Less Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Balance June 30		\$960.64
Plus Deposits		
Plus Interest July-December		
Less Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Ending Balance, December 31*		

*July - December Statement not received as of 1/24/22

Debt Balance, December 31, 2021

Legacy Bank Loan	\$118,530.33
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Youth Camp Proposed 2023 Budget

Balance Forward	\$ 153,425.25
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Receipts

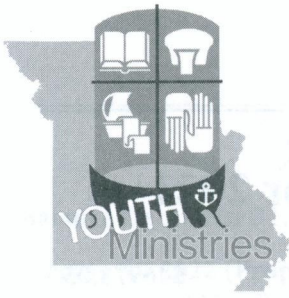
Interest & Individuals	\$ 16,000.00
Churches & Association	\$ 18,000.00
COOP	\$ 72,250.00
Reimbursement & Returns	\$ 1,000.00
Registration	\$ 60,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 11,000.00
Rentals	\$ 100,000.00
Camp Offerings	\$ 12,000.00
Craft/Laundry	\$ 200.00
Camp T-Shirts	\$ 6,500.00
Total Receipts	\$ 296,950.00

Total Working Balance	\$ 450,375.25
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Disbursements

Salaries	\$ 62,500.00
Benefits	\$ 15,000.00
Fed./State Taxes	\$ 17,000.00
Telephone	\$ 3,700.00
Electric	\$ 25,000.00
Propane	\$ 15,000.00
Bldg. Maint. & Supplies	\$ 25,000.00
Honorariums/Reimbursement	\$ 5,500.00
First Aid	\$ 500.00
Kitchen - Food	\$ 22,000.00
Kitchen - Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Snack Center	\$ 8,000.00
Craft/Laundry	\$ 100.00
Playground/Pool	\$ 12,000.00
Fuel & Oil	\$ 7,500.00
Equip. Purch. & Repair	\$ 15,000.00
Insurance	\$ 30,000.00
Print./Postage/Literature	\$ 600.00
Acctg. & Supplies	\$ 2,500.00
Board Expense	\$ 2,000.00
Camp Offerings	\$ 5,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00
Debt Retirement	\$ 7,000.00
Camp T-Shirts	\$ 3,500.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 289,900.00

Ending Balance	\$ 160,475.25
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Youth Ministries Board

News from the MOFWB Youth Ministries Board

The CTS Ministry Expo was glad to be back in 2021 in Farmington, MO after being unable to have our event in 2020. Numbers were unfortunately down, but we still had a great representation of students from 10 churches at both the state and national level. Missouri was represented well in Memphis, Tennessee, with several of our students placing first in their respective categories.

The E3 Conference 2021 (Elevate, Equip, Encourage) featured our first ever one-day event. Hosted at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Lebanon, we had ten churches join us for the retreat this year. Tyler Penn, Free Will Baptist International Missionary to the University of Illinois in Champaign was our speaker for the weekend. Tyler brought very engaging sessions for our students that challenged them in a number of ways. Students were reminded of their identity in Christ, and that they are set apart from the world, and their value is found in who they are in Christ.

Our partnership with Camp Niangua continues to be a focus between our two boards as we not only serve along side the board during camp, but we also have been able to partner financially in 2021 with expenses for our speaker. We are excited for another great year in 2022.

In February 2022, we held our second Recharge Youth Leader's Retreat in Excelsior Springs, MO. Unfortunately, mother nature made the weekend very difficult, but we still had an excellent time with over 40 attendees from multiple churches in Missouri. Dr. Ron Hunter helped us focus our attention to the importance of partnering the church and the home in disciplining the next generation.

Thank you for your prayers and your support of this ministry. It truly is a blessing to minister to the great students of the state of Missouri!

Ryan Akers, Chairman
Layton Smith, Treasurer
Seth Moon

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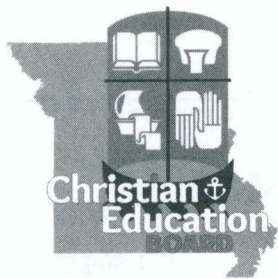
Youth Ministries Income and Expense Report for 2021

Beginning Balance		\$46973.05
Income for 2021		
COOP	\$18,206.33	
Designated	\$358.02	
CTS Receipts	\$2,585.00	
Recharge Youth Leaders	-	
E3 T-shirt Receipts	\$664.31	
E3 Receipts	\$1,709.00	
Total Income	\$23,522.66	
Total Income+Beginning Balance		\$70,495.71
Expenses for 2021		
Board Expense		
Meals	\$462.22	
Supplies and Equipment	\$225.92	
Mileage and Reimbursements	\$1,211.84	
CTS Lodging	\$755.30	
CTS Judges	\$775.00	
CTS Supplies and Reimbursements	\$643.72	
CTS NYC Fees	\$2,065.00	
CTS Tabulators	\$1,200.00	
CTS Trophies	\$231.38	
E3 Equipment		
E3 Speaker	\$1,200.00	
E3 Musical Guest		
E3 T-Shirts	\$1,647.73	
E3 Supplies and Reimbursements	\$1,121.37	
E3 Facility Rental	\$523.46	
Teen Camp Activity	\$750.00	
Youth Leader's Conference	\$500.00	
Youth Leader's Facility	-	
Youth Leader's Food	-	
Total Expenses	\$13,312.94	
Beginning Balance + Income - Expenses		\$57,182.77

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2023 MO Youth Board Projected Budget

Balance December 31, 2021 (Actual)		\$57,182.77
Income for 2022 (Proposed)		\$24,800.00
Expenses for 2022 (Proposed)		\$24,800.00
Balance for 2022 (Proposed)		\$0.00
Projected Beginning Balance 2023(Proposed)		\$57,182.77
Proposed Income 2023		
COOP (2% x \$850,000)	\$17,000.00	
CTS Receipts	\$3,800.00	
Youth Conference Receipts	\$4,000.00	
Youth Leader Conference Receipts	\$4,500.00	
Total Income		\$24,800.00
Total Income + Beginning Balance		\$81,982.77
Proposed Expenses 2023		
Board Expenses		
Meals	\$500.00	
Supplies and Equipment	\$250.00	
Mileage Reimbursements	\$2,000.00	
Total Board Expenses		\$2,750.00
CTS Competition		
Lodging	\$800.00	
Judges	\$1,000.00	
NYC Fees	\$3,000.00	
Tabulators and Assistants	\$1,500.00	
Supplies	\$500.00	
Facility Rental	\$500.00	
Trophies	\$450.00	
Total CTS Expenses		\$7,750.00
Youth Conference Expenses		
Speaker Expenses	\$1,800.00	
Musical Guest	\$500.00	
Equipment	\$400.00	
Supplies	\$300.00	
T-shirts	\$1,500.00	
Facility Rental	\$500.00	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$5,000.00
Youth Conference Expenses		
Facility Rental	\$5,000.00	
Meals	\$3,800.00	
Equipment	\$500.00	
Total Youth Conference Expenses		\$9,300.00
Total Expenses		\$24,800.00
Total Income		\$24,800.00
Proposed Ending Balance December 31, 2023		\$57,182.77
Difference		\$0.00



Christian Education Board

Greetings and many thanks from our Christian Education Board. We continue to be honored to serve our pastors, our state, and our Lord. Our purpose is to support the local congregations of Missouri Free Will Baptist churches by providing guidance and resources in the areas of Christian Education and development. We accomplish this goal in several ways.

Each year we partner with the State Office to host the annual Minister's Retreat. This event is for refreshment and equipping of pastors and leaders from our state. This year our retreat was held March 7-9 with Dr. Spencer Ledbetter as our main speaker. We were encouraged with the nearly 90 in attendance, which included several students from Randall University. Next year's retreat is already on the calendar for March 6-8, 2023. We will be sharing more information on our speakers for that event in the near future.

We also are excited about hosting the breakout sessions on Tuesday at the State Association Meeting. This year we again have a variety of practical and theological sessions to encourage our churches. We are continuing to pursue innovative venues and resources to support pastors and congregations in our state for the changing challenges of ministry in the 21st Century. Please be praying with us as we follow our Savior and lead the next generations to Him.

One of our ongoing passions and projects is to invest in young leaders. This past year we were able to provide scholarships for Missouri students attending both Welch College and Randall University. We are continuing to pursue internship opportunities and partnerships so we can help bring pastors and leaders into our state.

We are excited about the opportunity to serve and look forward to the ways God will lead us in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Elliott, Chairman

Roger Hogan, Treasurer

Melvin Moon, Board Member

Dr. Jay Tilson, Board Member

Joshua Kennon, Board Member

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2021 Financial Statement January 1, 2021 -December 31, 2021

Cash On Hand-January 1, 2021		\$35,880.25
Actual Cash On Hand		\$35,880.25
Receipts:		
Cooperative Program	\$22,042.47	
Interest Income	\$3.09	
Total Income For 2021		\$22,045.56
Total Cash For 2021		\$57925.81
Disbursements:		
Bank Fees	\$121.00	
Board Expenses	\$1,623.19	
Office Expense	\$51.47	
Bookkeeping Expenses	\$600.00	
Scholarship Expense	\$1,500.00	
Gifts	\$200.00	
Minister's Retreat	\$6,395.00	
MO State Meeting Expense	\$740.05	
Minister's Wives Retreat	\$2,000.00	
Total Disbursements For 2021		\$13,990.66
Total Cash On Hand – December 31, 2021		\$43,935.15

Proposed Budget for 2023

Bank Fees	\$150.00	
Minister's Retreat	\$6,800.00	
Minister's Wives Retreat	\$2,000.00	
Bookkeeping	\$600.00	
Office Expense	\$100.00	
FWB Pastoral Internship	\$4,000.00	
College Internship Tuition	\$2,000.00	
C.E. Board Expense	\$2,000.00	
State Meeting Expense	\$1,500.00	
Total		\$19,150.00

Nominating Committee Recommendations

With the best interest of God's ministry among Missouri Free Will Baptist in mind, we the members of the nominating committee make the following nominations.

In accordance with the suggestions of the MOFWB General Board, we have verified that each of these nominees is a supporter of the Missouri COOP plan, and we believe each has demonstrated both a heart and ability for the position for which they are nominated. The nominating committee has contacted each nominee and confirmed their willingness to serve.

Prayerfully Submitted,
Darrell Strain (chairman)
Rick Chapman
Tim Hodges
David Beltz
Leroy Bryant

Schedule for Electing Standing Boards

* Denotes the recommendation of the MOFWB nominating committee

** Denotes Board Chairman

Christian Education Board

Melvin Moon	2026
Jay Tilson	2025
Roger Hogan	2024
Mark Elliott **	2023
Joshua Kennon - Joshua Kennon *	2022

Missouri Mission Board

Russ Neill	2024
Barry Reel	2024
Richard Robinson	2024
Bob Thebeau **	2023
Gary Mitchener	2023
Curt Gwartney	2023
Cody Alley - Cody Alley *	2022
Ray Bradley - David Beltz *	2022
Randy Gaddis - Randy Gaddis *	2022

Senior Adult Ministries

Don Anderson	2026
Wayne Phillips**	2025
Doug Earls	2024
Ron Blanks	2023
Jerry Pinkerton - Gene Crewse *	2022

Youth Camp Board

Mark Henry	2026
Tim Hodges	2025
Jacob Jones	2024
Andy Rains **	2023
Dan Cottengim - Ben Ryan *	2022

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Luke Feeney - Tony Ogden *	2026
Caleb Milling - Chelsea Brawley *	2025
Layton Smith	2024
Seth Moon	2023
Ryan Akers ** - Ryan Akers *	2022

Audit Committee

Appointed by the General Board...(MO State FWB By-Laws # 30)

Warren Hall	2024
Russell Johnson	2023
Dan Talbott	2022

Historical Commission

Darrell Strain	2024
Gary Fry	2023
Keith Garrison - Keith Garrison *	2022

Randall University Trustee Board

Ray Paxton	2024
Steve Reeves	2023
Ryan Long - Ryan Long *	2022

National Association General Board Member

Stanley Bunch

General Officers

Moderator -

Replacing Zach Williams - Zach Williams *

Assistant Moderator -

Replacing Jackson Watts - Jackson Watts *

Clerk -

Replacing Justin Lawson - Justin Lawson *

Assistant Clerk -

Replacing Rick Dement - Mark Headrick *

State General Board Members

All will serve a two year term expiring in June 2024

Bootheel - replacing Chris Girard

Cave Springs - replacing Todd Williams

Central Western - replacing Warren Hall

Greater Kansas City - replacing Alan Kinder

Greater Springfield - replacing Keith Garrison

Indian Creek - replacing Brian Brinkhoff

Laclede County - replacing Bruce Doublin

Liberty - replacing Dan Talbott

Mid-Rivers - replacing Rick Chapman



Missouri State Association Of Free Will Baptists Bylaws

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 District Association of Free Will Baptists may unite with this body at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of all delegates present, providing that the following procedures have been followed:

- a. The District Association will send a letter to the State Clerk requesting membership in the State Association.
- b. The Executive Committee will examine the District Association and make the appropriate recommendation to the State Association.

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. No officer shall serve the same office more than three consecutive years, except the clerk.

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, and in general, to fulfil 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 the 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 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.

BOARDS

11. All standing boards shall be composed of five (5) members, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Missions Board. A board member shall be an active member of a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with the Missouri State Association. No one may serve as a member of a board while employed by that 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.

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DUTIES

12. 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 costs.
- (4) Work in harmony with and toward the common vision of the entire State Association.
- (5) A detailed explanation of any debt.

13. 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.

14. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board and the Missouri Mission 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. The members of the Missouri Mission Board shall be elected as follows: The first three named for a term of one year, the second three for a term of two years, the third three for a term of three years, and thereafter each year three members shall be elected to serve a term of three years.

15. 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 expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the names of the affiliated Association.

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

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

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

19. Any member of the standing boards of the State Asso-

ciation 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.

20. The general board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association. The General Board shall have the rights to employ an Executive Director 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.

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

22. An Executive Committee consisting of seven members of the General Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and four other member 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 Associations. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Budget Committee.

23. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board, but if less than such 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.

24. An act of the majority of the Board members 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.

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

26. The General Board may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the

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Association and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

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

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

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

COMMITTEES

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

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

REPRESENTATION

32. The standing delegates of this Association shall be all ordained Free Will Baptist ministers and their wives, all ordained deacons, and associational Clerks, provide they are members in good standing in a Free Will Baptist Church that is in good standing in a recognized district association in this State Association

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

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

VOTING

35. Those entitled to vote at any annual or special meeting of this State Association shall be elected delegates and the

standing delegates as defined By-Laws 33-34. and each delegate or standing delegate shall be entitled to one vote.

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

MEETINGS

37. The sessions of the Association shall convene as decided upon annually by the General Board.

38. The membership of the State Association may designate any place, either within or without the State of Missouri, for any annual meeting. Any special meeting may be called by the General Board. A wavier of notice signed by all members entitled to vote 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.

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

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

41. 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.

42. Ten or more ordained ministers or deacons from ten or more affiliated Associations belonging to the State Association shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

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

44. Special Meetings of the General Board or the Executive

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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 Executive Committee shall also be called upon written request of a majority of its members.

45. Notice of any special meeting should be given at least fifteen days previously thereto be written notice delivered by the most convenient manner. 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.

46. 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

47. 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.

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

49. 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.

50. 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.

51. 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.

52. 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.

53. 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.

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

55. 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.

56. 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.

57. 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.

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

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

60. 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.

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

62. 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.

63. All business coming before this Association shall be decided by secret ballot when a majority of voting delegates are in opposition to an open vote.

64. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery, pornography, pedophilia, and/or elective gender changes are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex. (Gen. 2:24; Gen 19:5; Gen 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4). Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member

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of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists.

65. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49: 1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44) Any District Association which sanctions such conduct will not be accepted or retained as a member of the Missouri State Association of Free Baptists.

66. We believe that Paul's statement in I Tim. 3:2, 12 and Titus 1:6, namely "The husband of one wife," be looked upon as making ineligible as pastors or deacons anyone who has been divorced and remarried, or who marries a divorced woman, regardless of the cause of the divorce or the guilt or innocence of either partner.

We believe that said persons, whose marital status disqualifies them to be pastors or deacons, not be discouraged in their Christian lives or Christian service, but that they be encouraged to live faithfully for Christ and serve Him in the ministry of the local church; and that such be reminded that pastors and deacons are the only church officers for whom the "husband of one wife" prohibition is given.

While certainly it is the ideal for all believers, it is biblically insisted upon as a requirement for deacons and pastors.

While not insisting that this bylaw be made retroactive, we do establish this standard to be upheld for all new candidates for pastors or deacons.

67. We believe the Bible defines marriage as the union of one man and one woman in an exclusive covenant commitment. No person may be a standing delegate if he knowingly conducts or officiates at a wedding or similar service for any union that does not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A church or district association is not in good standing if it knowingly permits its properties or ministers to facilitate weddings where the union would not meet the Biblical definition of marriage. A district association is not in good standing if it licenses or ordains any person who affirms or encourages sexual relations outside of Biblical marriage. (Genesis 2:22-24; Proverbs 18:22; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4-7)

AMENDMENTS

68. 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.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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