

**MO-ARK DISTRICT  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**MINUTES: JANUARY 21, 2012 Meeting**

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptist was convened at MT. ZION FWB Church on January 21, 2012. "He Hideth My Soul" (pg. 269) was led by Brother Phil Vance with Sis. Esther Strain playing the piano.

Due to the absence of both the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk, and by Consent of the body, and Moderator, Bro. Strain opened the meeting with scripture reading out of St. John 3:1-16, 36 and prayer by Brother Russell Hensley.

Brother Strain turned the service over to the Assistant Moderator. Moderator then gave the extended a welcome and invited visiting brother's and sister's into the Conference.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Church letters were read. Lingo gave an oral report and Mt. Zion delivered their letter by hand. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve Deacons and Ministers and to seat all the delegates. Delegates were seated by prayer by Moderator Bro. Blanks

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A request from the Cotton Creek Church was submitted to receive Bro. Hensley into the MO=ARK Association. Motion was made, seconded and carried to refer the request to the Ordaining Council.

Motion made, seconded and carried to allow the Moderator to appoint 2 members to the Ordaining Council to examine Brother Russell Hensley. Those appointed were John Holesapple, Sr, and James Lee Reed.

The floor was opened for nominations for a Speaker at the next meeting. Bro. Russell Hensley was nominated and elected by vote of the Conference to bring the message at the May 19, 2012 meeting.

Reports given:

Auditing Committee gave their report, (motion made, seconded and carried to receive the report).

Treasurer Report was given with an ending balance (including the evening offering) of \$2,774.20. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report.

General Board Report was given by Bro. Ronnie Blanks. He reported that Bro. Stan Bunch is the new Executive Secretary for MOFWB. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report.

There were no churches that requested to host the May 19, 2012 meeting. Bro. Moderator invited the churches to present written request to the clerk at the recess.

Report from the Ordaining Council was given with a recommendation to Receive Brother Russell Hensley into the Mo-Ark Association. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.

Meeting called to order by singing "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Brother Phil Vance with Sister Esther Strain at the piano.

Moderator resumes charge of the service.

A report from Cotton Creek Church was given on Bro. Bion Irwin.

Request for the next meeting was given to the Clerk during the recess from the Kosh Church and from the First Free Will Baptist of West Plains. A vote was taken with First Free Will being chosen by vote of the conference to host the May 19, 2012 meeting.

Congregation sang #157 from the Best Loved Book, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder."

Brother Ronnie Blanks preached from II Corinthians 2:11, regarding the church problems in Corinth. The sermon title was "Don't Let Satan Get the Advantage" Bro. Blanks listed (5) Ways Satan Gets the Advantage.

There was a motion made, seconded and carried to offer a heartfelt thanks to the Mt. Zion FWB Church for hosting the January 21 meeting.

Announcements were given: Refreshments in the Basement

Sr. Adult Retreat

Meeting was adjourned in prayer by Bro. John Holesapple, Jr.

**Ministers Present:** Darrell Strain, Ron Blanks, James Lee Reed, Johnny Holesapple, Johnny Holesapple, Craig Hensley, Russell Hensley

**Deacons Present:** Junior Brown, Lonnie D. Linson, Jim Kelly, Dave Holman, Charles Melton

**Clerks Present:** Wanda Melton

**Officers and Standing Comm. Present:** Darrell Strain, Matthew Bowers, Phil Vance, Tim Bowers, Clifford Mitchner, Jim Kelly, Craig Hensley, Charles Melton



**MO-ARK DISTRICT  
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**MINUTES:** MAY 19, 2012 Meeting

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptist was convened at FIRST FREE WILL OF WEST PLAINS on MAY 19, 2012. The meeting was opened by Clerk, Jeff Honeycutt. Opening prayer was given by Brother Junior Brown followed by Bro. Phil Vance leading the congregation in a Song titled "Heavenly Love" (pg. 579) with Sis. Esther Strain at the piano.

Clerk, Jeff Honeycutt had a short devotion with a scripture reading from Gal. 6:4-9. Don't be weary in doing good. There needs to be a difference between the Christian and the world. The world we live in has many bad traits, many people go out of their way to do bad and cause conflict. We as Christians should have as our goal to spread the gospel.

Clerk turns the service over to the Moderator. Moderator extended a welcome and invited visiting brothers and sisters into the Conference.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt and a motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Church letters were read by Clerk Jeff Honeycutt. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the church letters and the delegates were seated with prayer by Bro. Blanks. Having been duly and properly seated the delegates may now participate in the business portion of the meeting.

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Nominations for a speaker at the Sept. District Meeting were accepted from the floor. Brother Darrell Strain and Brother James Lee Reed were both nominated. Brother James Lee Reed (16) votes, Brother Darrell Strain (13) votes. Brother James Lee is elected by general consent.

Bro. Moderator called for petitionary letters and corresponding messengers. Brother Frank Webster spoke on the Show Me Plan and gave a short report regarding Missions. He stated that God is doing great things in Missions and he asks for continued support of the Show Me Plan. Motion made, seconded and carried to accept his report.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Treasurers Report was given \$2857.20 +510.00=\$3367.20(balance after this deposit is made. Motion made, seconded, and carried to accept the treasures report as given.

Motion was made, seconded and carried: to have a check written for \$1200.00 for the Missouri State dues for the 8 churches in the Mo-Ark District.

Moderator stated that one church had requested the Sept. District Mtg and that was Bailey. Motion was made, seconded and carried that the Sept. Meeting be held at the Bailey FWB Church of Alton.

Moderator asks for a Motion be made to elect delegates to the State Association Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to have Bro. Ronnie Blanks and Sister Blanks attend the State Meeting of FWB as delegates for the MO-ARK Association.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk were given the task of revamping the forms used, by the churches in the MO-ARK Association, to report the information at each District Meeting as well as the Yearly Meeting. Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the new forms

#### RECESS:

Moderator calls for any other business to be brought before the Association. Having none presented Brother Charles Melton dismisses the conference in prayer for a 10minute recess.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE:

Special Singing by Sister Hensley "I Keep Praying"

Moderator reconvenes the meeting with Brother Vance leading the congregation in song "In My Heart Rings a Melody" (pg. 536) with Sister Smith as the piano.

Message was given by Brother Russell Hensley titled "Presenting the Glorified Christ" Christians have a Hope, a Peace, an Assurance of their Heavenly Home!



We need the encouragement of other Christians in word and deed. We will have Storms but God's light filters through the storm and we get the choice of letting His light SHINE or we can let it burn out. The Choice is OURS!!!

Closing song "Softly and Tenderly" was led by Brother Vance with Sister Smith at the piano.

Motion made, Seconded and carried to offer our Heartfelt Thanks and Appreciation to the Host Church.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

First Free Will has cookbooks for sale with proceeds going to the building fund. Cookbooks are \$12.00.

Shiloh's pastor is resigning as the end of the month. If you know of any prospective pastors please let them know.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

We are adjourned in prayer by Brother Franks.

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**Ministers Present:** Darrell Strain, Ron Blanks, John Holesapple, Russell Hensley

**Deacons Present:** Junior Brown, Lonnie D. Linson, Jim Kelly, Dave Holman, Charles Melton

**Clerks Present:** Wanda Melton

**Officers and Standing Comm. Present:** Darrell Strain, Matthew Bowers, Phil Vance, Clifford Mitchner, Jim Kelly, Charles Melton

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MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

The meeting of the MO-ARK District of Free Will Baptist was convened at the Bailey FWB Church on September 15, 2012.

The meeting was opened by Moderator in the absence of Clerk, Jeff Honeycutt. Opening prayer was given by Bro. Johnny Holesapple followed by Bro. Vance leading the congregation in song with Sis. Esther Strain at the piano.

Moderator, Darrell Strain had a short devotion; reading from St. John 10:1, know the Shepherd's Voice!

Moderator, Bro. Darrell Strain, extended a welcome to and invited visiting brothers and sisters into the Conference appreciating their attendance.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Asst. Clerk, Terrie Honeycutt. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Church letters were read by Moderator in the absence of Clerk. Motion Made, Seconded and Carried to receive the church letters and the delegates were seated with prayer by Bro. Russell Hensley. Having been duly and properly seated the delegates may now participate in the business portion of the meeting.

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The floor was opened for nominations for a Speaker at the next meeting. Brother Darrell Strain was elected, by vote of the Conference, to speak at the next District Meeting in January 2013.

Bro. Moderator called for Petitionary letters and corresponding messengers. Bro. Steve Lidel gave a short report about the work in Panama and the explosive growth in that area. He also spoke about the International missions work. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept Bro. Lidel's report.

There was no unfinished business and no committee reports.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS:

The Treasurer's report was given by Bro. Scott Cline, Asst. Treas. He reports that the balance is \$2145.60, a motion was Made, Seconded, and Carried to accept the treasurer's report as given.



Moderator states there are 2 churches that have requested the January 2013 District meeting. They are Cotton Creek and Koshkonong. A vote was taken and the January 19, 2013 District Meeting will be at the Cotton Creek Church with a vote of 16 to 8.

Bro. Moderator now calls for election of officers. Nominations are now in order for the position of Moderator. Motions were made, seconded and carried in each of the following offices:

Moderator: Darrell Strain

Asst. Moderator: Ronnie Blanks

Clerk: Jeff Honeycutt

Asst. Clerk: Terrie Honeycutt

Treasurer: Matthew Bowers

Asst. Treasure: Scott Cline

Bro. Moderator now calls for the election of standing committee members. Motions were made, seconded and carried that the following committee openings be filled as follows:

Auditing Committee: Brad Johnson term to expire in 2015

Executive Committee: Don Caruthers term to expire in 2017

Ordaining Credentials Committee: Russell Hensley term to expire in 2015.

## New Business:

Letter from Stanly Bunch expressing his appreciation and praying for the pastors and to keep on keeping on!

Moderator ask that we suspend the agenda and have the announcements before the message. It was so moved. Thanks and appreciation for the prayers was given by Bro. David Holman. Bro. Holesapple ask that we pray for God to lead them into revival. Prayer for our little church at Mammoth was requested. There were several prayer request made for individual people within our own churches and within the family members of our churches.

Lingo church announced they were having 40<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary.

Announcement was made that there are refreshments in the basement and you are invited to stay and visit after the worship service is over.

Moderator calls for any more business to be brought before the Association. Having none presented Bro. Blanks dismisses the conference in prayer for a 10 minute Recess.

## Worship Service:

Sis. Esther at the piano with Bro Vance leading the congregation in sing "Standing on the Promises" and "Mansions over the Hilltops"

Moderator then turns the service over to Bro. James Lee Reed to share what God has laid upon his heart.

Bro. Reed told us he had been doing God's work for 56 years and that he has learned that "When God speaks to you---- LISTEN!" He read scripture out of Gen. 3, Rev. 3:19, Matt. 6.

Bro. Reed reminds us that the blood that was shed upon the cross was for ALL of us!! BUT it all stands with our choice to follow or not to follow God's plan. Is your name written in the Lambs Book of Life? If not make that a priority.

Closing Remarks by Bro. Moderator: are we busy making fig leaves to cover what only the blood of Christ can cover?!!!

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Strain

Bro Blanks thanked the Bailey Church for allowing us to come and worship tonight.

Association Officers Present: Darrell Strain, Clifford Mitchener, Phil Vance, Scott Cline, Charles Melton

Church Clerks: Wanda Melton, Donna Caruthers

Deacons: Lonnie Linson, Junior Brown, David Holman, Charles Melton

Ministers: Darrell Strain, Johnny Holesapple, Russell Hensley, Ron Blanks