

MINUTES
OF THE
SOUTHEAST MISSOURI
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
AND
YEARLY MEETING
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

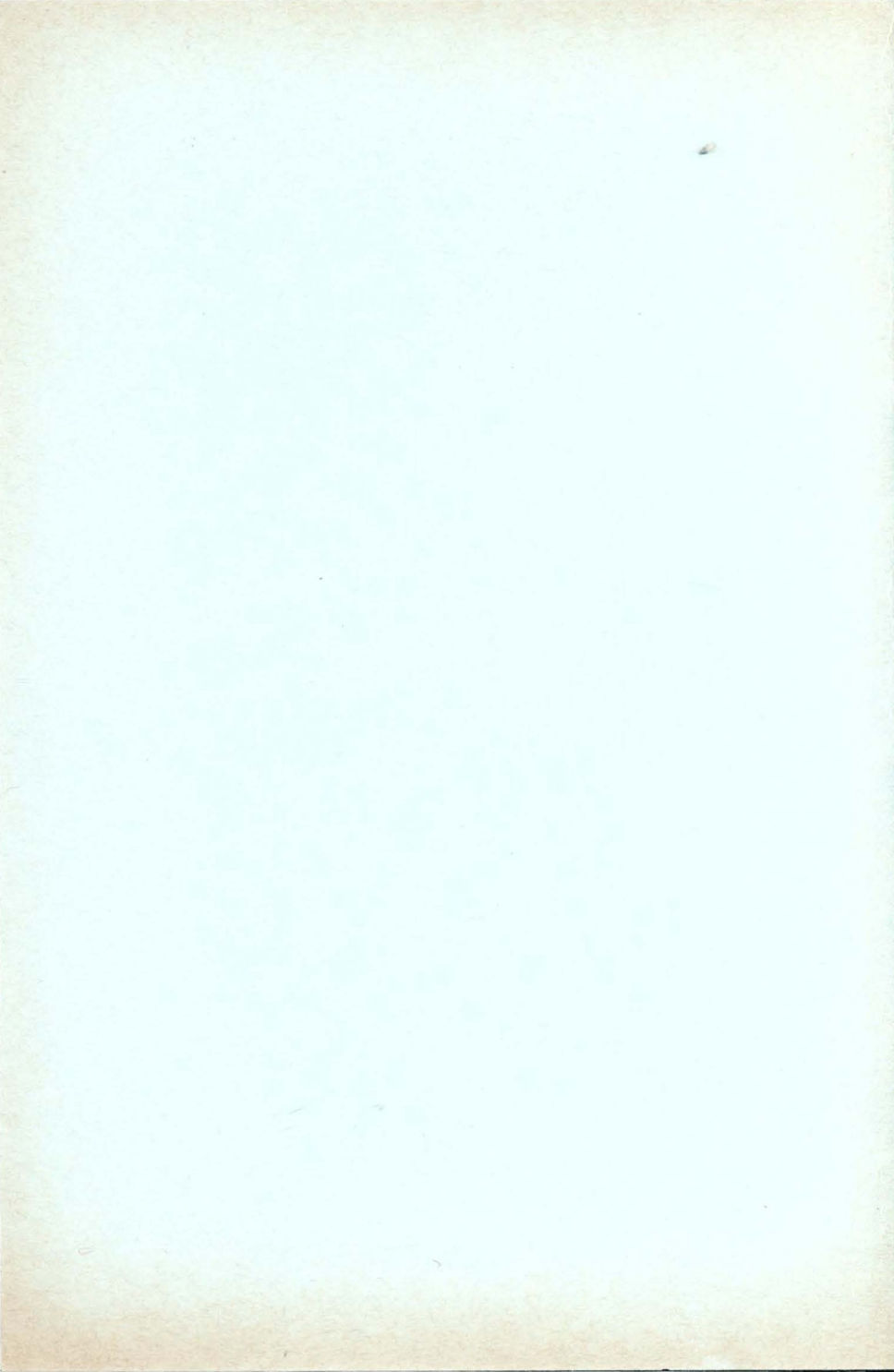
1949

When Convened With
COPPER MINES
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The next Annual Session of this Association will convene in St. Francois County with the place of meeting to be designated by the Executive Board.

The Introductory Sermon to be by Rev. Harvey Hill with Rev. Benjamin Scott alternate.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM, MONETT, MO.



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING

OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Rev. Woodrow Matthews Mine LaMotte, Missouri
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Harry Beatty Fredericktown, Missouri
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Dea. O. B. Womack Leadington, Missouri
Statistician.....	Dea. O. B. Womack

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. F. C. Zinn.....	3 years Flat River, Missouri
Rev. Albert Halbrook.....	2 years Mine LaMotte, Missouri
Rev. James F. Miller.....	1 year R. F. D. 3, Farmington, Missouri

PROCEEDINGS

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Copper Mines Church beginning on Wednesday night, August 24, 1949, at 7:30 p. m., through August 26. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. O. D. Matthews. Services were opened by the Moderator, Bro. Woodrow Matthews. Bro. Albert Halbrook was elected clerk pro tem in the absence of the clerk.

The song service was conducted by Rev. Bob Hill of Berkeley City Church with singing of hymn No. 86—"Talk It Over With Jesus," and No. 37—"Standing On the Promises." Prayer was offered by Rev. Eaves of the Church of God of Cross Roads Church followed by hymn No. 43—"We're Marching to Zion."

The welcome address was given by Leamon Killian with response by Rev. Roger Reeds. A temporary Pulpit Committee was appointed by the Moderator as follows:

Bro. Walter Pirtle, Bro. Harrison Hovis and Bro. Dempsey Matthews. Hymn No. 126—"To the Work" was sung followed by prayer by Bro. Clifford McGraw. Hymn No. 180—"There Shall be Showers of Blessing." A testimonial service was conducted by the Moderator. Solo—"Just A Rose" was sung by Bro. Albert McFarland with Sis. McFarland at the piano. Also, a trio number—"A New Life," by Bro. Lyndell, Glenn and James Rogers with Thelma Barker at the piano. Also, a quartet—"Found By the Roses," and Albert McFarland sang "I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him."

Rev. O. D. Matthews was presented by the Moderator to deliver the message. The Scripture reading was read from Mark 16 with verse 18 as the text; the subject—The Ideal Church. Bro. F. C. Zinn was chosen by Pulpit Committee to preach at 11:00 a. m. service Thursday.

Thursday—9:30 A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Woodrow Matthews, according to prearranged program with singing " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus," and "Shouting On the Hills of Glory." Prayer was offered by Sis. Eunice Edwards. The Moderator read from Ephesians, reading 21 verses. The Moderator then called for prayer at the altar.

A revised copy of the Constitution and By-Laws was read by Rev. Harvey Hill.

Motion carried to carry out the prearranged program. At this time the Quarterly Meeting letters from Madison and St. Francois Counties were called for and read by the clerk. There being several absentee delegates, other names were supplied to replace them. Motion carried to accept the reports with the changes.

Election of Officers—Bro. Woodrow Matthews was re-elected by standing vote as Moderator. Bro. Beatty was nominated for Assistant Moderator and was elected by standing vote. Bro. O. B. Womack was nominated for Sec'y.-Treas., and was re-elected by standing vote. Bro. F. C. Zinn was re-elected as Board Member for a three year term. Bro. Matthews' term expires next year. Dismissed at this time for 11:00 a. m. service by Bro. Greenway.

11:00 A. M. Service

Led by Bro. Greenway with singing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," " 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus,"

"Amazing Grace" and "Near the Cross." At this time Bro. Zinn proceeded to bring the message, reading from the book of Micah, 7th chapter, 7 verses. A wonderful message from God's Holy Word. Closing with a song and handshake. Recess for noon hour.

Afternoon Session

Reconvened at 1:30 p. m. Called to order by Moderator with singing led by Bro. Bob Hill. Bro. Benjamin R. Scott led the devotional service, reading I Timothy 2:1-9. Prayer by Bro. John Rogers. At this time, time was given to the Woman's Auxiliary Convention as per arrangement on the program. This being the first year on our program for this auxiliary, it seems that this work through the reports is very encouraging and beneficial to our Yearly Meeting. The program being concluded, the Moderator took charge and the regular program continued.

Motion carried to give the Ladies charge of the meeting at the 7:30 p. m. service. At this time Bro. Woodrow Matthews offered his resignation as a member of the Executive Board. Motion carried to accept his resignation and that a member be elected to succeed him on the Board before the session is over. Bro. James F. Miller was nominated and elected by acclamation to serve the unexpired term of one year.

Motion carried to accept Temperance Committee report for discussion (see Reports). Motion carried to adopt Temperance Committee report.

Report of Obituary Committee (see Reports). Motion carried to adopt this report.

Adjournment was had until 9:30 a. m. Friday morning. Benediction by Bro. John Long.

Friday—9:30 A. M.

Called to order by the Assistant Moderator. Song service and devotional led by Bro. Reeds. Singing—"Tell It to Jesus Alone," and No. 64 "Tell Me the Story Most Precious." Prayer was offered by Bro. George Miller. Scripture lesson read from Romans 12. A motion carried to accept the minutes with corrections made. Motion carried to follow the prearranged program.

Report of Business Committee (see Reports). Motion carried to receive this report and discuss it. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2 as final (see Reports). Motion carried to adopt

Item No. 3 (see Reports). Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4 for discussion. Motion carried to adopt this item. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 5 (see Reports). Motion carried to adopt Item No. 6 (see Reports).

Motion carried to adopt the Nominating Committee's report (see Reports). Motion carried to notify each delegate to Missouri State Association of the action taken on Item No. 5 of Business Committee's Report (see Reports).

Motion carried to have next Yearly Meeting in St. Francois County, and Executive Board to designate the place.

11:00 A. M. Service

Bro. Albert Halbrook leading the devotional service with singing "I Am Thine, O Lord," and "Alas and Did My Sovereign Die?" Prayer offered by Sis. Long and Bro. Lester Ferguson. Special number, a solo by Bro. Reeds—"I'm All Upon the Altar." A quartet number was rendered—"Nearing Jordan's Crossing." Bro. Hill bringing the message. Scripture: Psalm 23. Subject: My Cup Runneth Over. A spiritual message. Closed with singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Afternoon Session

Reconvened with Moderator in charge. Singing—"What A Fellowship." Bro. Zinn leading song service. No. 27—"Where the Soul of Man Never Dies." Bro. Lester Ferguson leading devotional service. Scripture reading from Psalm 32. A ringing testimony service was had. The Moderator taking charge. A handshake to welcome Bro. Ferguson back to the fold after making his apologies. The Fredericktown Quartet sang at this time "I Got That Old Time Religion in My Heart."

Motion carried to accept Statistical Report. Motion carried to re-elect Bro. Womack statistician for one year. Motion carried to accept Financial Report. Motion carried to accept Credential Committee's Report (see Reports).

The minutes of Friday's business session were read and motion carried to accept them. Motion carried to accept Item No. 7 of Business Committee's Report (see Report). Motion carried to adopt report of Nominating Committee; also, to substitute for absentees (see Report). Motion carried to receive Denominational Committee's Report and discuss it item by item. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 1. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 2. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 3. Motion carried to adopt Item No. 4.

Rev Harvey Hill to preach the Introductory Sermon at beginning of Yearly Meeting in year 1950. Rev. Benjamin Scott to be alternate.

Bro. C. B. Dees reports on Home Missions as follows: Since last year's session of the Yearly Meeting several visits have been made to different churches in the interest of the Home Mission cause. Amount of money received \$12.57. Signed: C. B. Dees.

Adjournment until next Yearly Meeting by benediction.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Committees:

Bro. Harry Beatty, Chairman; Bro. James F. Miller, C. B. Dees, Albert Halbrook and Bro. O. D. Matthews. Motion carried to accept this Committee's report as follows: Business Committee—Bro. Noel Greenway, Chairman; Albert Halbrook, John Long, James F. Miller and Bro. C. B. Dees. Credential Committee—Bro. Alex Wampler, Chairman; Harrison Hovis and Bro Harrison Phillips. Temperance Committee—Rev. Eunice Edwards, Chairman; John Rogers and Sis. Ozella Wilson. Obituary Committee—Sis. Rose Sharp, Chairman; Nellie Steagall and Blanche Matthews.

REPORTS

Financial Report:

Receipts from August 20, 1948 to August 20, 1949:	
From churches.....	\$ 32.00
St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.....	46.00
Madison County Quarterly Meeting.....	38.00
Balance August 17, 1948.....	48.30
Total and Balance.....	\$164.30
Disbursements:	
Postage and Mailing.....	\$ 6.03
Ministerial cards.....	2.00
Printing Yearly Meeting Minutes for 1948	
to F. W. B. Gem.....	45.00
Clerk's salary.....	10.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 63.03
Bal. in Yearly Meeting Treas. Aug. 20, 1949....	\$101.27

Received for Bible College at 1948 Year. Meeting..\$	64.25
Madison County Quarterly Meeting.....	10.00
St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting.....	25.00
Rev. C. B. Dees.....	.75

Total\$100.00

This amount paid by Endowment Check December 6, 1948, to Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Submitted by Dea. O. B. Womack, Sec'y.-Treas.,
Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following: Believing that the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant is based on the Word of God, and we have promised to uphold this Covenant, we bring to your attention I Thessalonians—Therefore let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober. A. Let us watch therefore that we do not sanction the use of intoxicating beverages. B. That our clothing be such as befit Christians. C. That we watch questionable literature. D. That we be temperate in conversation. Signed: Eunice Edwards, Ozella Wilson and John Rogers.

Obituary Committee:

We, your Committee on Obituary, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has called from our midst our brothers and sisters in Christ, Be it Resolved that we bow our heads in silent prayer in humble submission to His Will. The deceased are: Sis. Francis Scott, Rev. J. L. Yancey, Bro. H. J. Moyers, Bro. Charles Shumaker, Bro. Edmond Whitlege, Sis. Ann Skaggs, Sis. Alice Fulkerson and Bro. John W. Harmon. Signed: Mrs. Rose Sharp, Mrs. Nellie Stegall and Blanche Matthews.

Divine Service Committee:

Bro. H. B. Hovis, Walter Pirtle, Dempsey Matthews, Sis. Miller and Sis. Mary Regh.

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. We recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting be printed in the minutes this year.

Item 2. Whereas, it occurs to the Committee that there is an overlapping of services of Home, Mission Boards under the present set up as adopted at the last Yearly Meeting, we recommend the elimination of the Yearly Meeting Board of Home Missions, and all activities of Home Missions be under the direction of the Quarterly Meeting Boards.

Item 5. We recommend that Item No. 5 of the 1949 Minutes become permanent. Item No. 5 of the 1948 Minutes as follows: We recommend that each Quarterly Meeting comprising the Yearly Meeting send the said Yearly Meeting an amount equivalent of \$4.00 per church comprising the Quarterly Meeting; said amount to accompany the Quarterly Meeting letters to the Yearly Meeting. This action was approved by the body.

Item 4. We recommend that the Officers together with the Clerk prepare the manuscript for the printing of the minutes.

Item 5. We recommend that in the event that any proposition to commercialize the Gem Office, or undertake to print Sunday School literature, or for League at the Gem Office be presented at the 1949 session of the Missouri State Association, that our delegates be instructed to vote against such proposition.

Item 8. We recommend that every church in our Yearly Meeting adhere strictly to chapter 2, section 1 of our Treatise under the caption "The Ministry."

Item 7. (a) Be it Resolved that we give a standing vote of thanks to the officers of our Yearly Meeting for their tireless and efficient services to this sitting of the Yearly Meeting. (b) Be it further Resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given the Copper Mines Church for their hospitality to the delegated body, and visiting Brethren, while attending this sitting of the Yearly Meeting. Signed: Rev. Noel Greenway, Rev. John Long, Rev. Albert Halbrook, Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. James F. Miller.

Nominating Committee:

We, your Nominating Committee, submit these names as delegates to the Missouri State Association as follows: Bertha Souden, Martha Clayton, Mrs. Minnie Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bebout, Mrs. Gussie Hamblen, Mrs. Hazel Scott, Mr. and Mrs. D. McFarland, Ozella Wilson, Mrs. Mary Regh, Mrs. Julia Gammon, Jimmy Edwards, Miss Erma Barr, Alice Dur-

bin, Lola Dowd, Edna Archambo, Jane Shaffer, Minnie Jackson; and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stone. Signed: Bob Hill, Eunice Miller, Sis. Souden, Hazel Scott.

Credential Committee:

We, your Committee on Credentials, having examined the Ministerial reports, recommend that the Ministerial Cards of standing for one year be granted to the following ministers: F. C. Zinn, O. D. Matthews, John Rogers, Albert Halbrook, Loy Smith, Bob Hill, Albert Tucker, C. B. Dees, James F. Miller, John Long, Effie Matthews, John Johnston, Eunice Edwards, Wm. Reeves, Damon Dodd, Harvey E. Hill, George Miller, Woodrow Matthews, Geo. Hibbits, Noel Greenway, James Barker, Harry Beatty, S. A. Hand, Benjamin R. Scott. (2) We recommend that Benjamin R. Scott be admitted to this Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting as requested and that the Mission Association be notified of same. Signed: Harrison Hovis, J. W. Huffman, Hazel E. Scott.

Denominational Enterprises:

We, your Committee on Denominational Enterprises, recommend (1) That this Yearly Meeting fully support all the Denominational Enterprises that we have pledged ourselves to do before God in past sessions. James 1:22—But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (2) That we support fully our State Entertainment Fund which has been greatly neglected in the past. (3) That we urge our churches in this Yearly Meeting to help to retire the indebtedness of \$125 on Gem Office Equipment before our Missouri State Association. (4) That we endorse the splendid work of the Youth Camp this session. Signed: Harvey Hill, Effie Matthews, O. D. Matthews.

Special Music Committee:

Rev. F. C. Zinn, Chairman; Blanche Matthews and Sis. Leamon Killian.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its ninth Annual Session on August 23, 24, 1949, with the Copper Mines F. W. B. Church, Route 3, Fredericktown, Missouri.

Tuesday Evening—7:30 O'clock

Services opened by the Clerk, after which the President called on Rev. F. C. Zinn to conduct singing. Hymns No. 8 "I Am Thine, O Lord," and No. 126 "To the Work" were sung. Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dees followed by hymn No. 180 "Just Over In the Glory Land." The welcome address was given by Rev. Woodrow Matthews with response by Rev. Albert Halbbrook. Hymn No. 16 "The Glory Land Way" was sung followed by a testimonial service conducted by Rev. Harvey Hill. The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Harry Beatty. Subject: "The Church." Scripture: I Cor. 3:5-14. Closing song for invitation, No. 283 "Softly and Tenderly." Benediction by Rev. Albert Tucker.

Wednesday—9:30 A. M.

The morning devotion was conducted by Rev. Noel Greenway. Song No. 38 "Farther Along." Prayer by Rev. Harry Beatty. Scripture reading, John 1. Prayer by Rev. Harvey Hill after which he assumed charge of the services.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Rev. Albert Halbbrook. An invitation for new members was given with Rev. Roger Reeds, Rev. J. W. Miller and Rev. O. D. Matthews responding and accepted as members. In addition the regular rules of order were suspended and Rev's. Bill Hill, Bob Hill and Loy Smith were voted as members.

Election of officers were as follows: President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice-President, Rev. Noel Greenway, and Sec'y.-Treas., Rev. Albert Halbbrook.

The president appointed the following as the Business Committee: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. John Long and Rev. Harry Beatty. Recess declared for ten minutes. Benediction by Rev. Harvey Kemp.

11:00 A. M. Service

Devotions conducted by Rev. John Long with singing of hymns No. 197 "Sin Can Never Enter There" and No. 37 "Standing on the Promises." Prayer by Rev. F. C. Zinn, followed by hymn No. 122 "Camping in Canaan Land." Prayer by Rev. Woodrow Matthews, followed by hymn No. 14 "Power in the Blood." Rev. J. F. Miller delivered the morning message. Subject: The Ordinances of the Gospel. At the close of the message a handshake was enjoyed. Benediction by Rev. Noel Greenway.

Afternoon Session

The devotional part of the session was conducted by Rev. Roger Reeds. Song No. 6 "Love Lifted Me" was sung, followed by prayer by Rev. O. D. Matthews. Hymn No. 116 "When I See the Blood." Scripture reading: I John 1:5-10. Prayer by Rev. Noel Greenway.

Motion made and sustained that we receive the Business Report to be adopted item by item.

Item No. 1. We recommend that the Ministers' Conference sponsor the semi-annual meeting.

Item No. 3. We recommend that we have the Ministers' Certificates printed in smaller size.

Item No. 4. We recommend that we give Copper Mines Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality while here. Signed: Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Harry Beatty and Rev. John Long.

Motion made and sustained that the invitation from Desloge be selected as the location for the semi-annual meeting.

Motion made and sustained that the officers be responsible for preparing the program and securing the teachers, and that it be supported by a free will offering during the conference.

A communion and feet washing service was conducted with Rev. J. F. Miller in charge assisted by Rev. Woodrow Matthews and Rev. Albert Halbrook. After a hymn we went out.

Rev. Harvey Hill, President
Rev. Albert Halbrook, Sec'y.-Treas.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

WOMEN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women's District Auxiliary Convention met in its First Annual Session on August 25, 1949, with the Copper Mines F. W. B. Church, Fredericktown, Missouri, Route 3.

Thursday Afternoon—1:30 P. M.

Services opened by President with singing song No. 180 "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings." Scripture reading: Matt. 28:18-20. Prayer by Sis. Eunice Edwards. Nominating Committee was elected by the body as follows: Eunice Edwards, Georgia Hill and Virgelene Ragsdale. Minutes of the organization were read and approved. Motion made and sustained that we accept the reports. Sis. Genella Scott was elected to go to the State meeting, and if found qualified, to represent our State meeting at the National meeting in the declamation contest.

The Nominating Committee's report was as follows: President, Mrs. Harry Beatty; 1st vice, Mrs. Sylvia Dodd; 2nd vice, Mrs. Ben Scott; 3rd vice, Mrs. Madelen McFarland; 4th vice, Mrs. Noel Greenway; 5th vice, Mrs. C. B. Dees; Corres. Sec'y., Mrs. Helen McGraw, and Sec'y.-Treas., Mrs. Albert Halbrook.

Motion made and sustained that we have our Minutes in the Yearly Meeting Minute. Motion made and sustained that we adjourn our business until our next session. Special number rendered by Bro. and Sis. Bob Hill and Ozella Wilson. Topic—"The origin and background of the Missionary Plan," Mrs. Eunice Miller. Reading by Wanda Edwards. Topic—"The Missionary Command of the Church," Mrs. Effie Matthews. Topic—"The Divine Plan of support for the Lord's work," Mrs. Eunice Edwards.

Thursday Evening—7:30 P. M.

Service opened by singing conducted by Rev. S. A. Hand of hymn No. 121 "Where He Leads I'll Follow," and hymn No. 140 "Just over in the Glory Land." Prayer by Rev. J. C. B. Dees. Scripture reading by Mrs. Edwards from Isaiah. Song No. 316 "Jesus Saves." Special number by the Southside Quartet, "I'm Winging My Way

Back Home," and "Somebody Called My Name." A special by the Southside Trio, "Your Life Can Be Beautiful." Rev Benjamin Scott was presented as the speaker of the evening by Mrs. Harry Beatty. Scripture: Acts 5:27. Text: "And as you go preach." A playlet was given by the Fredericktown Auxiliary entitled "Soup, Sand and Sage Brush." Special number—"Wheel In the Middle of the Wheel," by Mrs. Ozella Wilson, Rev. Harvey Hill and Bro. and Sis. Bob Hill. Between acts one and two Copper Mines girls sang "Drifting Too Far From the Shore." Between acts two and three the Fredericktown Quartet sang "The Hallelujah Morning." After act three Fredericktown Quartet sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." At the close of the service a love offering was taken for Bro. and Sis. Bob Wilfong in Cuba which amounted to \$51.52. Benediction.

Mrs. Harry Beatty, President

Mrs. Albert Halbrook, Sec'y.-Treas.

CONSTITUTION

This organization shall be known as The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of the St. Francois County Quarterly meeting and the Madison County Quarterly meeting.

Article I

When the delegated body shall meet in regular annual session for the transaction of business, the Moderator, or in his absence, the assistant Moderator, shall call the meeting to order and invite all to take part in congregational singing.

After a sufficient number of hymns, the Moderator shall read, or have read, some suitable scripture, then prayer shall be offered.

Article II

Five or more delegates from one or more churches of each Quarterly Meeting comprising this Yearly Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, a lesser number may adjourn from time to time.

Article III

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings are read and the delegates are seated. All ordained and licensed ministers who are in good standing and full fellowship with some church in the Yearly Meeting, together with Ordained deacons, Church clerks, and Church treasurers,

shall, by virtue of their authority, be standing delegates in this Yearly Meeting.

Article IV

When all delegates, both elected and standing, have been seated, the body will then proceed to elect officers as required by rule number one governing the organization. All officers elected shall be instructed in the duties of the offices to which they have been elected. The instructions to be given by the Moderator, or someone qualified to do so.

Article V

The Moderator elected shall at once take charge of the meeting and shall, when present, preside over all meetings. In the absence of the Moderator, the assistant Moderator shall preside over the meeting.

Article VI

The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise ruled by the Body.

Article VII

The Moderator shall have the privilege to solicit the help of any Minister or delegate present in appointing committees.

Article VIII

After the organization has been completed, corresponding messengers and visiting brethren from other religious bodies are invited to a seat in council. Should there be letters of greetings or reports from other bodies, they may at this time be read.

Article IX

All items of business coming to this yearly meeting, except routine business, must come through the Business Committee or a Committee appointed for that special purpose.

Article X

Before any question can properly be discussed by the delegated body, it must be before the body by a motion properly sustained. All questions are settled by a majority vote of the delegates present. When a question is properly before the body, any regular delegate has a right to speak on the subject. No person shall be allowed to speak more than five (5) minutes on any subject at one time, and not more than twice on the same subject without special permission from the Moderator.

Article XI

The Moderator shall have power to stop all discussions that are leading to confusion.

Article XII

All ordained Ministers who are members of this Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting are required to submit in writing a full and complete report of their ministerial activities to this body while in annual session. These reports shall be examined by a committee on Credentials and submitted to the body for approval. Failure to make said report forfeits their rights to a Certificate of Ministerial standing.

Article XIII

Official papers of this Yearly Meeting must be signed by the Moderator of the Yearly Meeting and the Secretary.

Article XIV

Each Quarterly Meeting belonging to the Yearly Meeting shall be entitled to two (2) delegates for the organization and two (2) delegates for each one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof belonging to the said Quarterly Meeting.

Article XV

Any person who is a delegate to this Yearly Meeting, wishing to speak on any subject properly before the Body, shall arise and address the chair, by saying, "Brother Moderator" or "Brother Chairman" and shall speak no farther until they have been recognized by the Moderator.

Article XVI

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.

BY LAWS ADOPTED FOR THE BODY

Known As

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist church, and at the present date, composed of the Madison County Quarterly Meeting and St. Francois County Quarterly Meeting of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

No. 1. Governing the organization. The officers of this Yearly Meeting shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. There shall also be an

Executive Board of three or more members who are actively engaged in work of the Free Will Baptist Church in Southeast Missouri.

No. 2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

No. 3. Choice of these officers shall be made by nomination, and by legal vote. In cases where there is but one nominee the officer shall be elected by acclamation.

No. 4. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator shall not be elected jointly, but shall be elected separately by nomination and by legal vote.

No. 5. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by nomination and by legal vote as the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. He or she will hold the office for one year, and be paid a salary agreed upon by him or her and the body. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be the same person. It shall be the duty of said officer to keep an accurate record of the proceedings in a book or books furnished him or her by the body. The said officer agrees faithfully to discharge all the duties of the office willingly in the interest of the cause of the Free Will Baptists every where.

No. 6. The Executive Board shall be elected as other officers but shall serve a term of three years; terms to expire alternately. It shall be the duty of said board between sessions of the Yearly Meeting to be in charge of the work in a general way. They shall act as an advising body for each local body composing this Yearly Meeting. They shall at all times have at heart the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination and in all cases act without partiality or respect of persons.

They agree to discharge their duty or duties faithfully, to work according to the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the usages of the Yearly Meeting that they are to serve. Should money or any other property of the Yearly Meeting be entrusted to them they shall handle, hold, convey, and convey said property with the greatest possible care, and will be able at all times to give a full and complete report of all property to the proper authorities.

No. 7. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote, provided that one day's previous notice of proposed change or amendment has been given.





