

*** SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ***
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE,
AUXILIARY CONFERENCE,
AND
YEARLY MEETING
OF
*** FREE WILL BAPTISTS ***

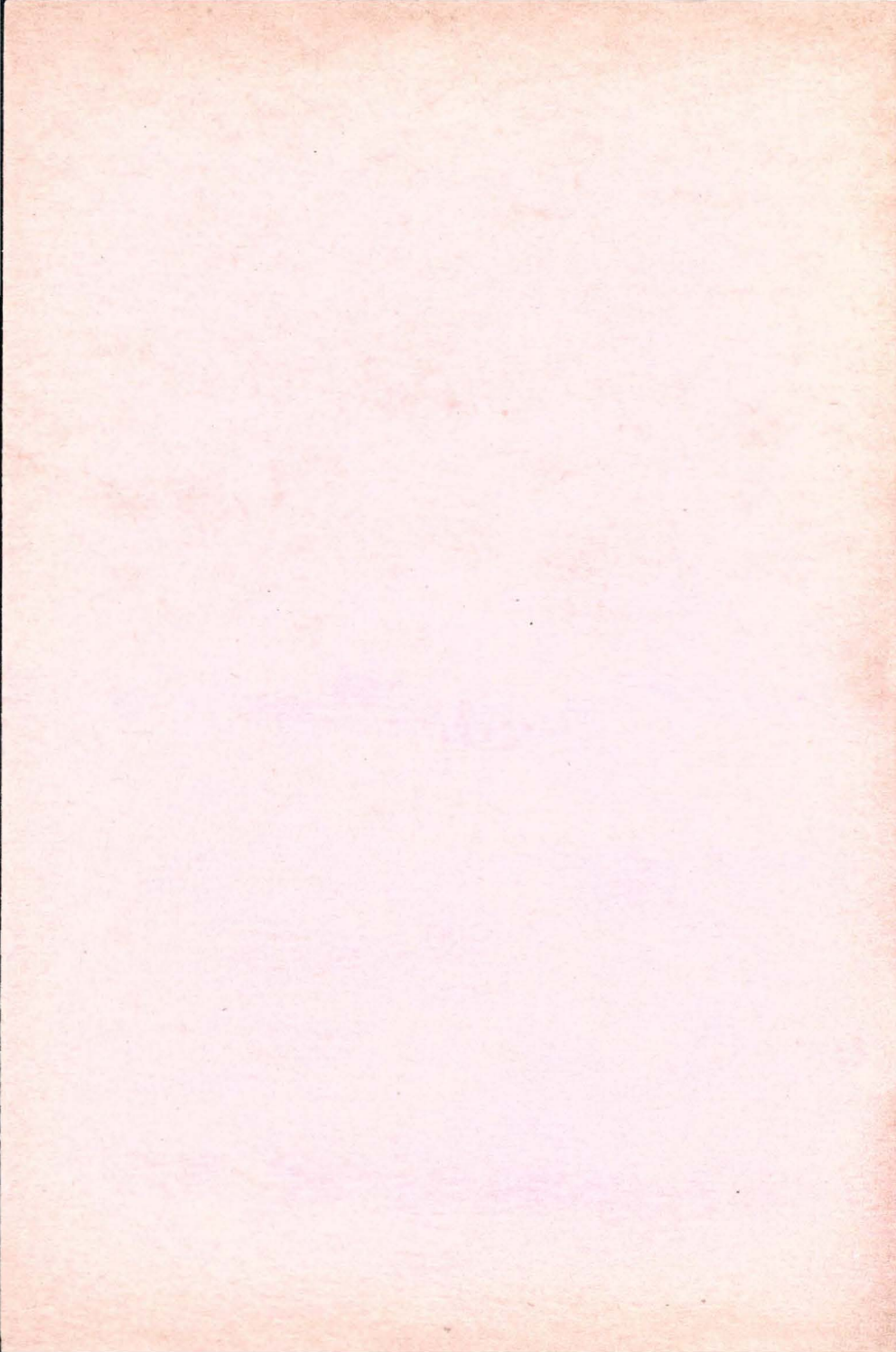
1950

When Convened With
THIRD F. W. B. CHURCH
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The next Annual Session of this Association will
convene with Union Light Church.

The Introductory Sermon to be by Rev. Harry
Beatty, with Rev. C. B. Dees alternate.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



* SOUTHEAST MISSOURI YEARLY MEETING *

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Harry Beatty Fredericktown, Missouri
Assistant	Rev. James Barker Esther, Missouri
Secretary-Treasure	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine LaMotte, Missouri
Statistician	Rev. Albert Halbrook Mine LaMotte, Missouri

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. F. Miller	3 years
Rev. F. C. Zinn	2 years
Rev. Woodrow Matthews	1 year

PROCEEDINGS

The Southeast Missouri Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists convened with the Third Free Will Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri, beginning on Wednesday evening, August 23, 1950, at 7:30 p. m., through August 25. Services called to order by the Clerk and after remarks the Clerk presented Bro. Beatty to preside in the absence of our Moderator, Bro. Matthews.

The song services were conducted by Bro. John Vick with singing "Stepping in the Light" and song No. 34 from the Hymn Book. Prayer was offered by Bro. Albert Halbrook followed by hymn No. 192. A special song by Bro. Burton, "Just A Closer Walk With Thee."

Welcome address was given by Bro. Hughes with response by Bro. Cruse of Fredericktown. The pulpit committee was appointed, namely: Bro. Wheeler, Bro. Hughes and Bro. Snell. The South Side Quartett rendered two songs, "Down Deep in My Soul," and "Rock of Ages Hide Thou Me." Congregational number, "Joy

Unspeakable" after which we were led in prayer by Sis. Sharp.

At this time Rev. Harvey Hill was presented to bring the introductory message of this Yearly Meeting. Reading from Genesis 4, I Cor., 10th chapter, and Eccl. Subject - "Advancing with Christ." Song No. 142 "I Hear the Saviour Say Jesus Paid it All." Bro. Beatty. was chosen to bring the message at 11:00 a.m. service Thursday.

Thursday—9:30 A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator, Bro. Matthews. Devotional services were led by Rev. Harvey Hill. Singing from the hymn book. Bro. Matthews read for a scripture lesson Psalm 67 and 68, also, from Exodus with comments. Prayer by Bro. Benjamin Scott, after which a testimonial meeting was enjoyed by those present.

Motion carried to adopt the prearranged program. At this time the Moderator read the Constitution and By-Laws of this Yearly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting letters from Madison and St. Francois Counties were read. Motion carried to accept the letters with appointing delegates for absentees.

Election of officers: Moderator—Rev. Harry Beatty, Assistant Moderator—Rev. James Barker, Secretary—Rev. Albert Halbrook. A standing vote of appreciation was given Bro. Womack and Bro. Matthews for their past years of efficient service.

Motion made and sustained that an offering from the Yearly Meeting Treasury and also a love offering from the congregation be given to Bro. Womack in appreciation of his many years of service as secretary and treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. While the pianist played "When We All Get to Heaven," the congregation placed upon the altar the amount of \$32.68 for Bro. Womack. Bro. Womack then stated his appreciation for the love offering.

A committee on committees was appointed as follows: Revs. Woodrow Matthews, Harvey Hill and C. B. Dees. Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Womack.

11:00 A. M. Service

Service opened by singing led by Rev. Roger Reeds. Hymn, "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rev. Wm. Buster,

visiting minister from Thebes, Illinois, followed by singing, "I Will Sing the Wonderous Story." Rev. Harry Beatty delivered the morning message reading from Acts 2:37-47. Text, Isa. 54:2. Subject, "The Out Reach of the Church." A spiritual message was delivered. Benediction by Rev. George Miller.

Afternoon Session

Reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Devotional led by Rev. John Long with singing led by Rev. James Barker. Song, "Jesus Saves." Prayer by Sis. Edith McCormack. Song, "I Would Not Be Denied." Scripture reading II Tim. 3:1-10 with comments followed with hymn, "When We All Get to Heaven." At this time the program of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was rendered.

At the close of the program the Moderator assumed charge. Motion made and sustained that we receive Rev. Albert Halbrook's resignation as a member of the Executive Board, who offered his resignation due to the fact he had been elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting. The report of the Committee on Committees was read and accepted.

Report of the Triumphant Sunday School Convention read and accepted and also oral reports from Madison Co. and St. Francois Co. Sunday School Conventions were accepted for information. Motion made that we adjourn. Benediction.

Friday—9:30 A. M.

Services opened by singing hymn "Amazing Grace," with devotional led by Rev. J. F. Miller. Prayer by Bro. Geo. Miller followed by hymn, "Love Lifted Me." Scripture reading Psalm 23.

Minutes up to Friday morning read and accepted. Ministerial reports read and accepted.

Report of Business Committee (see Reports). Motion made and sustained to receive the report of the Business Committee for discussion item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 2 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 3 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 4 adopted (see reports). Item No. 5 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 6 adopted (see Reports).

Election of Board members. Rev. J. F. Miller for term of three years. Rev. Woodrow Matthews for term of one year. Statistician elected—Rev. Albert Halbrook.

Motion made and sustained to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Leslie Logsdon.

11:00 A. M. Service

Bro. Woodrow Matthews led the devotional with singing, "I Am Thine O Lord." Prayer by Bro. Wayne Parson. A special number, "Life Can Be Beautiful," rendered by Rev. Roger Reed. Accordion number, "When We All Get to Heaven," rendered by Sis. Marilyn Da followed by congregational singing of the same hymn. Bro. James Barker delivered the message. Text: Rev. 12:11. Subject: "How We Overcome." Benediction by Rev. Roger Reed.

Afternoon Session

Reconvened with singing led by Rev. Harvey Hill. Song, "Victory In Jesus." Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dees followed by a special number, "The Great Home Coming Week," by Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Miller.

Motion made and sustained to accept Credential Report (see Reports). Item No. 1 adopted. Item No. 2 adopted.

Motion carried to ask the State Board to give consideration to Rev. John Johnson who has been by vote of this Yearly Meeting placed on Superannuation, at least to give Bro. Johnson a love offering.

Motion carried to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee and elect the delegates to the State Meeting. Moderator charged elected delegates to appoint a proxy if unable to attend the State Meeting. Motion carried to adopt Temperance Committee report. Motion carried to adopt Obituary report. Sis. Rose Sharp offered prayer in memory of those who have gone on. Motion carried to accept Southeast Missouri League Convention report. Motion carried to accept Denominational Enterprise report for discussion item by item. Item No. 1 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 2 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 3 adopted (see Reports). Item No. 4A and 4B adopted (see Reports). Item No. 5 adopted (see Reports).

Motion carried to receive letter of greeting from Bro. Lloyd Jeffreys, Editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and a motion carried that Clerk comply with request of Editor for report of Yearly Meeting session.

Motion carried to adopt Statistician report. Motion carried to adopt Financial report. Motion made and

carried that Clerk give Rev. Harvey Hill a copy of Item No. 4B of Denominational Enterprise. Motion made and carried that next session of the Yearly Meeting convene with the Union Light Church in their response to their invitation, and that the Introductory Message be delivered by Rev. Harry Beatty with Rev. C. B. Dees, Alternate.

Motion made to send offering taken for Bro. and Sis. Wilfong direct to them. Bro. Womack states his appreciation to Yearly Meeting for their faithful co-operation during his years in office.

Motion made and sustained that we organize a Superannuation Board within limits of Southeast Yearly Meeting with election of officers. The election of officers were as follows: Bro. Wm. Hughes for three year term. Bro. Frank David for two year term. Bro. Clifford McGraw for one year term.

Final minutes of the Yearly Meeting session read and accepted. Motion made and sustained that we adjourn. While singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," a fellowship handshake was enjoyed.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Committees:

Revs. Woodrow Matthews, C. B. Dees, Harvey Hill.

Motion carried to accept this Committee's report as follows: Business Committee—Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. John Long, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. Benjamin Scott, Bro. Frank David; Divine Service Committee—Bro. W. P. Wheeler, Bro. Bill Hughes, Bro. Elmer Snell; Denominational Enterprise—Rev. C. B. Dees, Rev. Roger Reed, Sis. Eunice Edwards, Sis. Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, Rev. F. C. Zinn; Credential Committee—O. B. Womack, Jesse Jones, Clinton McCormick; Nominating Committee—Sis. Eunice Miller, Sis. Blanche Matthews, Sis. Janelle Scott; Special Music Committee—Sis. Georgia Hill, Rev. Sterling Tucker, Sis. Hazel Scott; Obituary Committee—Sis. Emma Bebout, Sis. Pearl Sirclum; Temperance Committee—Sis. Nellie Stegall, Bro. Denver Baker, Bro. Lesly Logsdon, Bro. Floyd Hesselmeyer, Sis. Edith McCormick.

Business Committee:

We, your Business Committee, wish to submit the following report:

Item No. 1. In regard to the recommendation submitted to this body by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention pertaining to the Student Loan Fund, we your committee submit the following: Due to the financial condition of our Yearly Meeting and the great need for support of projects already in operation, be it resolved that we do not undertake such a task at the present time.

Item No. 2. Be it resolved that this Southeast Missouri Association invite the 1951 session of the State Association to convene somewhere in the bounds of this Association.

Item No. 3. Be it resolved that the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association be printed in the minutes of this Association, also that this resolution be made permanent.

Item No. 4. Be it resolved, that a statistical report of the Churches be published in the Yearly Minutes of the Association. Also, that this be a permanent resolution.

Item No. 5. Due to the large expense of entertaining the State Association, be it resolved that each Pastor of this Association urge his church to send an offering for that purpose to the host church c/o Rev. Homer Smith, Mountain Grove, Missouri.

Item No. 6. (A) Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given to the officers of this body for willing and efficient service.

(B) Be it resolved that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Berkeley City, South Side, and Third Free Will Baptist churches for their hospitality in entertaining this session of this Association. Signed: Rev. Harvey Hill, Rev. Woodrow Matthews, Rev. John Long, Bro. Frank David, Rev. Ben. Scott.

Temperance Committee:

We, your Committee on Temperance wish to submit the following. Knowing that the word of the Lord commands us, "to be temperate in all things," therefore let us openly and firmly oppose the use and sale of all intoxicating beverages. Let us conduct ourselves in conversation, dress and appearance as becomes Christians. Let us at all times abstain from the very appearance of evil. Signed: Nellie Stegall, Edith McCormick, Floyd Hesselmeier, Lesley Logsdon, Charles O. Baker.

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 dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, be it resolved that we bow our heads in silent prayer and humble submission to His will. Deceased are as follows: Bro. Ed. Clouse, Sis. Emma Mills, Bro. Louis Perry, Bro. John Umfleet, Sis. Laura Moore, Sis. Blanche David, Sis. May Mund, Sis. Flora Belle Smith, Sis. Patterson, Sis. Mary Elizabeth Byington. We sincerely hope we haven't overlooked any brother or sister. Signed: Sis. Rose Sharp, Sis. Emma Bebout and Sis. Pearl Sircum.

Credential Committee:

Having carefully considered these reports we, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to submit the following report and recommendation. Having examined each minister's report separately we recommend that Ministerial Cards of Standing for one year be granted the following ministers: Revs. Effie Matthews, Paul Wood, Harry Beatty, George Miller, B. R. Scott, Roger Reed, George Hibbits, O. D. Matthews, Charles Miller, S. A. Hand, Lester Ferguson, Loy Smith, James Barker, John Long, C. B. Dees, John Rogers, Mark Lewis, Eunice Edwards, Bob Wilfong, Albert Tucker, Harvey Hill, Woodrow Matthews, F. C. Zinn, Albert Halbrook, J. F. Miller. In consideration of Bro. Johnson as one of our elder ministers and not having any report given on his card, we recommend to the Yearly Meeting that he be given a card of standing in recognition of past service and that he be granted his retirement and placed on the superannuated list. Signed: O. B. Womack, H. Clinton McCormick, C. C. Bebout.

Divine Service Committee:

Bro. Wheeler, Bro. Hughes, Bro. Snell.

Nominating Committee:

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following names as delegates to the Missouri State Association:

Frank David, Mrs. Frank David, Edith McCormack, Denver Baker, Mrs. Denver Baker, Melvin Shaffer, Hazel Scott, Avery DeWitt, Elvis Mayfield, Mrs. Floyd Hesselmeier, Floyd Hesselmeier, Inez Meyers, Erma Lee Barr, Onal Stone, Lesley Logsdon, Johnnie Vick, Ada Nichols, Minnie Jackson, Jimmy Edwards, Harold Baldwin, Mar-

tha Clayton, Gussie Hamblin, Jaunita Burcham, Mildred Hildebrand, Lee De Witt, Eula Vick, Mrs. Bebout, Mrs. Paul Stone, Christine Fryman, Lucy Schaffer. Signed: Genell Scott, Blanche Matthews, Eunice Miller.

Denominational Enterprises:

We, your Committee on Denominational Enterprises, submit the following:

Item No. 1. Since the two Training Institutes that were conducted in the St. Francois County Sunday School Convention proved to be both a blessing and an encouragement to further training, we recommend that the Sunday Schools of our Yearly Meeting plan to avail themselves of this same training.

Item No. 2. Inasmuch as the Great Commission is to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel," and inasmuch, as we feel that the obligation is as keenly ours as those who have gone out on the field, we urge the teaching of Missions to our young people and the increased financial support that must be had to relieve us of the condemnation of neglect.

Item No. 3. Because of the marked increase in the number of the students enrolled for the coming year, we recommend the support of our College be increased to enable the expansion program to be carried out.

Item No. 4a. The past Youth Encampment which was held at the Youth Camp in June, 1950, was the best session yet enjoyed, we therefore recommend that this work be regularly presented to our churches and the support of the Youth Camp be stressed.

b. Our attention has been drawn to the need of conformity of design in the construction of the Cabins at the Youth Camp, therefore we recommend that the Executive Board of the Camp be requested to set up a standard of requirements for the erection of Cabins on the Camp Grounds.

Item No. 5. We recommend the continued support of the State Work and the "Gem". Signed: C. B. Dees, Elizabeth Hesselmeyer, F. C. Zinn, Roger C. Reeds, Eunice Edwards.

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 3

The letters from the Quarterly Meetings are read and the delegates 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 instruction 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.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

	Southside	Berkeley City	St. Louis 3rd.	Richwoods ...	Fellowship ...	
State of Religion.....	*	*	*	*	*	
Membership July 1, 1949.....	114	66	157	25	119	1
Mem'r. rec'd. July 1, 1949 to July 1, 1950	38	15	10	2	18	
Number Baptized	9	9	5	0	11	
Number dismissed by letter.....	4	7	13	3	3	
Number excluded	12			0	0	
Number deceased	0			0	0	
Resident members	122	49	147	14	128	1
Non-resident members	14	25	2	9	6	
Total membership July 1, 1950.....	136	74	149	23	134	1
No. of tithers	20	11		6	45	
Condition of prayer meeting.....	*	*	!	!	*	
Condition of League	*	*	!	!	*	
League membership.....	64	53	40	14	60	
Condition of Home Mission.....	*	*			*	
Home Mission membership	19	18			25	
Condition of Sunday School.....	*	*	!	*	*	
Number pupils enrolled	124	138	120	41	135	1
Number of Officers	4	4	4	8	8	
Number of Teachers	7	7	10	4	9	
Number of ordained ministers.....	3	2	1	2	2	
Number of licensed ministers.....	3		2	0	2	
Number of ordained deacons.....	3	2	5	2	7	
Amount paid pastor	2,600.00	976.00	2,510.00	397.00	3,000	3.1
Amount for evangelistic work.....	270.00	157.74	290.00	55.00	273.06	518.
Amount for building and repairs.....	23.47	745.85	152.38	170.22		445.
Amount for incidentals	2,681.62	211.12	2,787.46	254.63	245.55	257.
Value of church property.....	8,800.00	5,500	7,500.00	1,200	50,000	25.0
Amount for Foreign Missions.....	10.00	10.00		59.41	1,560.13	679.
Amount for Home Missions.....	109.85	66.85		26.00	91.00	114.
Amount for Missions			172.00			
Amount for education				12.00	113.22	386.
Amount for superannuation						
Amount for publication (S.S. Lit., etc.)	438.32	59.50	173.70	62.68	326.96	215.
Amount for unified fund.....						61.
Amount for youth encampment.....	130.00		143.50	27.00		
Amount for orphanage					3.15	
Amount for State entertainment.....	14.00					
Amount for Minutes		8.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	

Note: * is "Good"; ! is "Fair"

MOORE YEARLY MEETING — FROM JULY 1, 1949 TO JULY 1, 1950

Total	Old Bethel.....	Union Light..	Twin Oak.....	Mine La Motte	Mill Creek....	Copper Mine..	Fredericktown	Ainsbury	Leadington ...	Desloge	Flat River 1st
1,584	19	29	57	139	64	67	349	81	42	69	187
169	0	1	0	2	10	4	33	22	2	5	7
107	0	0	0	0	7	4	27	17	6	3	9
53	0	1	0	6	3	0	5	2	0	2	4
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	1	1
1,369	17	22	41	63	70	64	278	83	40	47	184
296	2	6	16	72	4	7	98	13	5	7	10
1,664	19	28	57	135	74	71	376	96	44	54	194
152	*	*	2	15	5	8	*	*	10	*	30
*	*	!	!	!	*	*	*	*	!	!	*
!	0	*	0	0	*	*	!	*	!	!	!
485	*	0	0	0	37	*	96	46	25	35	25
*	*	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
121	*	*	!	0	*	*	36	*	*	10	12
*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
1,533	40	156	61	104	100	77	92	70	125	150	150
82	7	5	2	3	7	2	3	3	4	4	14
111	4	8	3	4	5	7	10	7	7	8	11
28	1	1	0	2	1	1	6	1	1	2	3
15	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	2
52	1	2	1	3	3	3	5	3	3	7	7
21,880.21	67.58	218.40	149.84	1,040	780.00	696.65	2,700.00	834.00	985.00	1,805	3,120
3,558.33	82.06	200.00	188.92	146.00	150.00	426.33	188.28	305.40	353.23	518.65	518.65
5,936.56	25.00	1.00	55.00	264.05	2,448.05	1,383.46	188.60	59.07	445.41	59.07	445.41
10,367.38	4.00	95.56	260.00	509.57	182.73	228.59	264.07	257.08	264.07	257.08	264.07
155,770.00	670	15,000	1,000	1,800	1,000	20,000	3,500.00	1,800	6,500	6,500	25,000
2,882.79		25.00	89.00	180.00	89.40	124.08	325.80	124.08	325.80	124.08	325.80
840.07											
553.92				83.71	122.75	175.11	346.99	57.85	34.21	22.85	36.25
943.37								14.35			
14.35											
1,883.97	22.00	100.00	17.25	21.67	95.00	48.53	108.65	83.47	36.65	72.18	21.41
1,707.28			87.81				711.46	36.50	93.13	77.10	51.28
300.50											
216.70							92.60		72.10	48.85	
14.00											
72.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	16.00	8.00	12.00		

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 everywhere.

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 propose change or amendment has been given.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Southeast Missouri Ministers' Conference met in its Tenth Annual Session, August 22, 23, 1950, at the Third F. W. B. Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Tuesday Evening—7:30 P. M.

Meeting called to order by President, Rev. Harvey Hill. Songs sung were No. 103 "Come and Dine," and No. 219 "I Am Thine O Lord." Prayer by Bro. De Witt followed by song No. 75 "When We All Get to Heaven." Special prayer for Bro. Lewis led by Bro. Seals followed by song No. 57 "I'll Fly Away."

Welcome address by Bro. Loy Smith.

Response by Bro. Vick.

The introductory message was delivered by Rev. Bob Hill: subject, "A Shepherds Duty"; scripture, St. John 10:1-17.

Following the announcements the congregation enjoyed a fellowship handshake while singing song No. 19 "Joy Unspeakable." Benediction by Bro. Bill Hill.

Wednesday Morning—9:30 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotion led by Rev. Sterling Tucker. Scripture reading, Psalm 132, followed by prayer by Bro. James Barker. Singing led by Rev. Roger Reed with the singing of hymn No. 219 "I Am Thine O Lord" and No. 239 "Near the Cross." Prayer by Bro. Albert Halbrook followed by hymn "Ready." Testamonal service conducted by Rev. Sterling Tucker.

The President then assumed charge of the service and after remarks asked the Clerk to read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Motion made and sustained that we suspend the rule of order which required a quorum of five to transact business, since only four ministers were present.

Motion made and sustained that the following be received as new members, namely: Rev. Sterling Tucker, Rev. Benjamin Scott, Rev. Willard Darnell, Rev. James Barker, Rev. John Johnson, Rev. Leslie Logsdon, Rev. Johnny Vick, Jr., and Rev. Arlene Thomason.

Roll called with ten present.

Minutes of the last session read and approved. Preceding the election of officers prayer was offered by Rev. Willard Darnell. Election of officers: President, Rev. Harvey Hill; Vice President, Rev. Benjamin Scott; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Albert Halbrook.

The following members were appointed as business committee: namely, Rev. James Barker, Rev. John Long and Rev. Benjamin Scott.

Business suspended until called of chair.

Benediction, Rev. Sterling Tucker.

11:00 O'Clock Service

Rev. James Barker conducted devotional service. Song sung No. 73 "Throw Out the Life Line." Prayer by Rev. Benjamin Scott followed by hymn No. 75 "When We All Get to Heaven."

Rev. Roger Reed was appointed to bring the message of the morning: subject, "Something New"; scripture, Luke 2:8-20; 24:36-48; text, Luke 24:46.

While singing No. 100 "The Glory Land Way," a fellowship handshake was enjoyed, followed with prayer at the altar by Rev. John Long.

1:30 P. M.

Service opened with Rev. Harry Beatty conducting the devotional and Rev. Roger Reed conducting the singing. Song sung No. 42 "Victory in Jesus." Scripture reading by Rev. Beatty followed with comments. Prayer by Rev. Willard Darnell followed by hymn No. 84 "He Lives."

The President assumed charge of the service and called for business. The recommendations of the Business Committee was read and accepted and adopted item by item.

Item No. 1. We, the Business Committee, recommend that another Semi-Annual Fellowship meeting be held, the time and place to be decided by the body.—Adopted. The Fredericktown F. W. B. Church accepts the conference.

Item No. 2. We recommend that the officers be responsible for preparation of the programs, and the expense of conference to be taken care of by a free will offering during conference.

Item No. 3. We recommend that the names of ministers who are no longer affiliated with our Yearly Meeting be removed from the roll, but at their request the confer-

ence comply with Article No. 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Item No. 4. We recommend that no certificate of good standing will be issued to any minister failing to comply with article No. 3 of Constitution and section No. 7 of By-Laws.

Item No. 5. We recommend that the minister's conference give a standing vote of thanks to the St. Louis churches for their hospitality.

After closing remarks by President benediction was pronounced by Rev. Benjamin Scott.

A called session by the President at which motion was made and sustained that \$3.09 be added to an offering to make the total of \$50.00 for Bro. and Sis. Wilfong, and that \$5.00 be given in token of appreciation to Bro. O. B. Womack.

President—Rev. Harvey Hill

Sec'y-Treas.—Rev. Albert Halbrook

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOMAN'S DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's District Auxiliary Convention met in its Second Annual Session on August 24, 1950 with the Third FWB Church, 1330 Geyer Ave., St. Louis, Missouri.

Thursday Afternoon—1:45 P. M.

Services opened by president with singing of "Who-soever Will" and "Showers of Blessing," led by Rev. Roger Reeds.

President appointed Mrs. Georgia Hill to serve as secretary pro-tem in the absence of the secretary.

Scripture reading Luke 12:5-18. Prayer by Sis. Effie Matthews.

Committees previously appointed by the president as follows:: Business—Eunice Edwards, Georgia Hill and Genell Scott; Nominating—Christine Fryman, Mrs. Elizabeth Hesselmeier and Lee DeWitt; Obituary—Gussie Hamblin, Bertha Souden and Eunice Miller.

Reports from Madison and St. Francois County Auxiliaries approved as read. Motion carried to receive items of business committee to be discussed item by item. Mo-

tion made and sustained that we petition the Yearly Meeting to take the findings as per Item No. 1 and deal with it according to their own discretion. Item No. 2 adopted by vote. Item No. 1 of nominating committee received as follows: President, Mrs. Lucille Beatty; 1st vice, Mrs. Genell Scott; 2nd vice, Elizabeth Hesselmeier; 3rd vice, Eunice Edwards; 4th vice, Hazel Scott; 5th vice, Lee DeWitt; Sec'y-treas., Georgia Hill; corres. sec'y., Erma Lee Barr. Item No. 2 received as follows: Mrs. Lee De Witt, Mrs. Madeline McFarland, Miss Erma Lee Barr, Mrs. Christine Fryman, and Mrs. Thelma Lewis as delegates to the state convention.

Appointment of program committee at this time. Report of obituary committee received. Prayer in thanks to God for His loving care over our Auxiliary workers during the past year. Sister Edwards urged that Miss Barnard's book, "His Name Among All Nations," be purchased and used in the auxiliaries.

Reading, "Take Up Thy Cross," by Sis. McFarland. Reading, "John Jenkins Sermon," by Sis. Hazel Scott. At this time LaVerne Dowd, as the only contestant, gave her declamation on stewardship. Reading by Beanie Edwards and a solo rendered by Roger Reeds adjourned our afternoon session.

Thursday Evening—7:45 P. M.

Call to order by Bro. Beatty with singing of "Victory in Jesus" and "Lord, Build Me A Cabin" led by Rev. John Vick. Prayer by Bro. John Rodgers. Congregational song, "Standing on the Promises." The Third Church Quartet sang "When You Visit My Home." Sis. Edwards read 91st Psalm for the scripture reading. Prayer offered by Bro. Zimm. Southside Quartet sang "Don't Trifle With Your Soul." Sis. Beatty presented the speaker for the evening. Rev. Sterling Tucker, who used for his text, Matt. 25:14-30; topic, "Advancing with Christ in Stewardship." At the close of the message, Rev. Bob Hill led the congregation in singing "To Jesus I'm Resigning." Southside Quartet sang "Where Could I Go."

Play "The Lost Church" was presented by the Third Church Auxiliary. Congregational singing of "When We All Get to Heaven" while a love offering of 46.91 was taken for Bob and Jerry Wilfong in Cuba.

Benediction by Rev. Woodrow Matthews.

Mrs. Harry Beatty, President
Mrs. Bob Hill, Sec'y.-Treas.



